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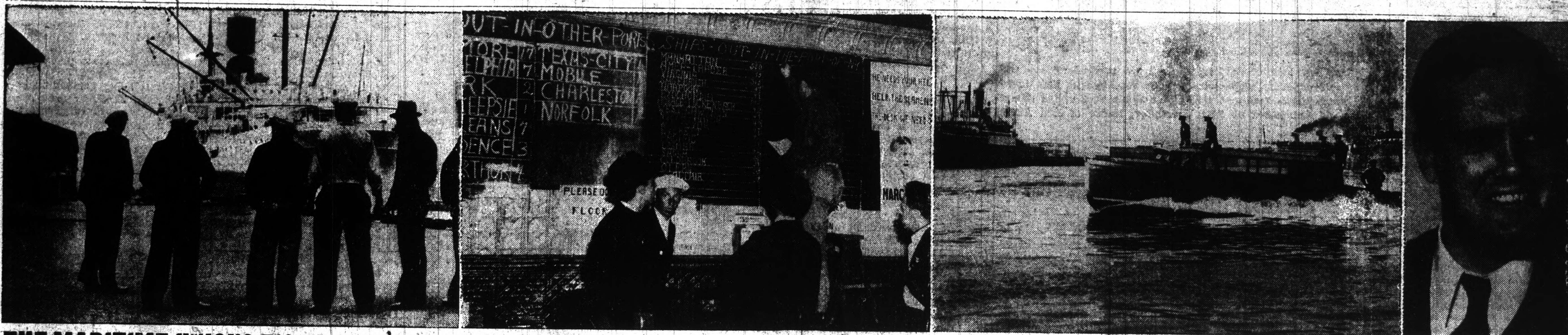
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## LABOR AIDS MARITIME STRIKE



### THE MARITIME UNIONS FIGHT FOR THEIR EXISTENCE

East Coast, West Coast, in every port, the strike is on. Scenes from the maritime unions' fight for their very existence are shown above. Extreme left, picketing the San Francisco waterfront. Second photo, in the East Coast strike headquarters, New York. Next photo shows police launch cruising about Los Angeles harbor against background of strikebound President Wilson and Mariposa. At extreme right, Mervyn Rathborne, secretary of San Francisco joint maritime strike committee.

## Madrid Firm Despite Bomb Atrocities

Non-Combatant Women and Children Slain  
By Fascist Planes; Govt. Counter-  
Attacks As Defense Is Solid

MADRID—Committing one of the worst atrocities in the history of modern warfare, the Spanish Fascists continued their terroristic and brutal bombing of Madrid last Sunday, killing at least 150, chiefly women and children non-combatants, and wounding and maiming several hundred others.

## Ban Pick Jury For King

OAKLAND—Disclosure of a banker-selected jury panel came at trial of four members of the Marine Firemen's Union on framed murder charges started last Friday before Superior Judge Frank M. Ogden.

The Alameda county jury commissioner admitted on the witness stand that the panel from which the jury will be selected was chosen by the Bank of America, the American Trust Company, the Central National Bank, the First Presbyterian Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Elks, "specific business houses" whose names he could not recall, and "various industrial plants."

Union brothers of the four defendants, Earl King, Pacific Coast secretary of the Marine Firemen; Ernest G. Ramsay, Frank J. Connor and George Wallace, voiced the suspicion that the "various industrial" (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 2)

## Andre's Widow Calls for World Fight Against Fascism

PARIS—A world-wide fight against Fascism was called for by the widow of Edgar Andre, Hamburg working-class leader and Communist Party leader, who was executed by the German Nazis recently.

Andre's widow spoke to more than 10,000 workers, who denounced Hitler as an assassin.

## 6000 CHEER DELEGATION FROM SPAIN

SF Audience Donates  
\$3000 for Spanish  
Democracy

(For further details, see Page 2)  
OAKLAND—Twenty-five hundred people packed Municipal Auditorium Theater here last Sunday night to hear the delegation from the People's Front Government of Spain, and donated \$1000 to aid the Spanish people in their fight against Fascism.

SAN FRANCISCO—"Viva Espana!" and "Viva la Republica!" "Long Live Spain!" and "Long Live the Republic!"

The spirit that is Spain's in fighting against Fascism, lived in the hearts of 600 people last Sunday in Dreamland Auditorium, where an unofficial delegation from the Popular Front Government of Spain brought the truth of the Spanish civil war.

Isabel de Palencia, who has represented Spain at the League of Nations; Father Luis Sarasola, Franciscan priest; and Marcelino Domingo, president of the Left Republican Party, told in simple language of the heroic fight of the Spanish people against the Fascists.

\$3000 Donated

Their words struck home so deeply that the people assembled contributed a record collection of more than \$3000, to be used by the North American Committee for Defense of Spanish Democracy to send food, medicine, and clothing to the Spanish people.

The delegation spoke in Oakland on Sunday night, and then proceeded to Los Angeles, for a meeting on Tuesday night.

Five hundred workers at Redwood City contributed \$600 to the Spanish people, and a similar number at Sunnyvale donated \$687 in other Northern California meetings.

## Study, Discuss CP Analyses of The Elections

Communist Party members are urged to study carefully the analysis of the elections by the Central Committee of the CPUSA, which appeared in the last issue of the Western Worker, and Party units are called upon to hold discussions on the analysis. This is also true of the resolution of the California State Committee of the CPUSA, which will appear in the next issue of the Western Worker.

## San Jose Sets Pace; Fight On Vigilantes

The Functioning Citizens Committee for  
Civil Rights Sets Example.

SAN JOSE—The fight against vigilantism in California has received a great push forward with the functioning of a Citizens Committee for Advancement of Civil Rights in Santa Clara County.

Elected as officers are president, Weatherheim of the

## PERMANENT ASSOCIATION OF WRITERS

Congress Cites Need  
For Unity Against  
All Repression

SAN FRANCISCO—After three days of sessions marked by the participation of such widely known writers as Dorothy Parker, Col. Charles Erskine Scott Wood and Upton Sinclair, The Western Writers' Congress announced its plans for a permanent organization before it adjourned here Sunday night.

The prominence of the assemblage, however, was overshadowed by its universal acceptance of the task to establish unity among writers in the service of (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 6)

## HOW TO HELP MARINE STRIKE

1. Every union, every pro-labor organization, should send resolutions and telegrams to President Roosevelt, the Department of Labor, and the U. S. Maritime Commission, demanding the withholding of ship-subsidies from the ship-owners until they agree to negotiate a satisfactory settlement of the basic demands of the unions.
2. Every organization should endorse the demands of the maritime unions and carry on a campaign in their locality against recruiting strikebreakers, vigilantism, and other anti-labor actions.
3. Every trade union should contribute from their treasury or collect from their members funds for the relief of the strikers, and send it to the Joint Strike Committee of the near-port: San Francisco, San Pedro, Portland, or Seattle.

## FIGHT FOR AFL UNITY IS SET IN TAMPA MEET

Frey Resolution Is  
For Expulsion of  
10 CIO Unions

TAMPA, Fla.—In his opening address to the convention, William Green called on the C.I.O. unions "to come back and take their seats with us and fight out our differences in manly fashion." Green, at the same time attacked the existence of the C.I.O. Lewis, in reply, was reported to have demanded lifting of the C.I.O. suspension before coming to the Tampa convention.

TAMPA, Fla.—Proposals of arbitration of the dispute with the C.I.O. made by George L. Berry of the Pressmen, were swept aside by A.F.L. reactionary executive council leaders before the convention opened. J. W. Williams, president of the building trades dept., announced an alliance with the metal trades dept. to push expulsion of the C.I.O. unions.

The need for similar committees in other localities was stressed.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held Monday, Nov. 23, 8 p. m., at the Labor Temple.

## REACTIONARIES MOVE TO DISBAR LEO GALLAGHER

LOS ANGELES—Just after the International Labor Defense announced it would turn its full legal staff over to defense of arrested maritime strikers, reactionary forces launched one of its worst schemes on record last Thursday when the California State Bar Association started disbarment proceedings against Leo Gallagher, famed champion of labor and I.L.D. attorney.

First notice was when Gallagher received a letter from the State Bar informing him he was to appear for "preliminary investigation and possible disbarment." (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 7)

## Labor Non-Partisan League's Plan

WASHINGTON—The Labor Non-Partisan League, which last week declared its intentions to remain a permanent organization and prepare to meet an expected political realignment, will maintain its offices here. It will also set up a labor legislative bureau, it announces.

## Big Donations Even Before Public Appeal

\$1000 from Laborers, \$500 from Musicians;  
L.A., East Bay Central Council Urge  
Union Members Give Financial Aid

With ranks held solid, the West Coast maritime strikers, even before setting forth a general appeal for funds, have received heartening actions of support from the rest of organized labor.

The Alameda County Central Labor Council has voted

to urge contributions of \$1 from every union member to the strike. The Los Angeles Labor Council voted to recommend an assessment of 25 cents per member of every union for the maritime strike.

This is organized labor's answer to the shipowners' attack on the maritime unions, which organized labor recognizes as an attack on all unions.

Mayor Rossi of San Francisco has flown to Washington, to urge federal intervention against the strike. He was joined in Washington by Mayor Carson of Portland.

Rossi and the Portland Mayors were joined by the Mayors of New York, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Boston, Newark, and Oakland in a statement which only offered the demand that the maritime strike issues, including the basic ones of the unions, be arbitrated. The unions have made their position plain on arbitration of their basic issues. Rossi even went so far as to call on Secretary of Labor Perkins to compel the unions to arbitrate. This Perkins said she had no power to do.

Representative of the Sailors, Cooks and Firemen are reported to have met with Thomas G. Plant of the Shipowners Coast Committee Tuesday.

The Industrial Association of San Francisco joined in the employers' attacks on the maritime unions by urging a "defense coalition" of industry and business—meaning open shop interests—against the unions.

SAN FRANCISCO—San Francisco organized labor was electrified with the announcement that the Laborers Union here has donated \$1000 to the maritime strikers and that the Musicians have donated \$500. Organized labor's delegates to the Central Labor Council cheered delegates of the striking maritime unions as they reported the (Cont. on P. 2, Col. 5)

## Eastern Pickets in Plane

NEW YORK—Taking to the air, the strike of the East Coast seamen reached dramatic heights when seamen chartered a plane and picketed the United States liner George Washington from aloft.

Arriving from Hamburg, the George Washington's crew were greeted with a shower of leaflets urging the men to join the strike when the vessel docked.

A motor launch full of pickets accompanied the Washington into port, and the crew was informed through loud speakers of the progress of the strike, which has tied up nearly 300 ships on the East and Gulf ports.

All marine engineers and radio operators were called off the Washington by their unions.

Shipowners Are Thugs

The Washington's sister ship, the Manhattan, is tied up tight by the strikers.

Representative Vito Marcantonio has demanded that the Dept. of Justice investigate shipowners' bringing of gangsters from all parts of the United States for use against the strike.

Paul Scharrenberg was on the Washington. Returning from Geneva, he urged the crew not to strike, true to Scharrenberg form.

The American Range Lines, operating six ships, has settled, granting the 8-hour day for all unlicensed men, union hiring hall, and cash overtime.



## MARINE UNIONS URGE LABOR TO HIT SUBSIDIES

**Pressure on Govt. So That Main Demands Be Granted**

SAN FRANCISCO—One immediate way in which all labor, fraternal, progressive political and other citizens organizations can help the maritime workers is calling on President Roosevelt to suspend present subsidies paid American shipowners until they grant the just basic demands of the maritime unions.

The resolution to this effect, adopted by the San Francisco joint committee and the I.L.A. committee, is being sent to all labor and citizens organizations. The resolution follows:

WHEREAS: The Pacific Coast maritime industry is now tied up as the result of the uncompromising and obstinate position taken by shipowners in refusing to enter into honest and sincere negotiations with maritime unions, and,

WHEREAS: By the shipowners' defiance of efforts of Maritime Unions and the Department of Labor to bring about peaceful negotiations, the Maritime Unions have been forced to utilize the last resort of Organized Labor, a strike, and,

WHEREAS: The demands for which Maritime Unions are striking are such fundamental Union principles as the eight hour day for members in every department of the ships crew (for the longshoremen the continuation of the six-hour day), cash payment for overtime, no discrimination in hiring, and,

WHEREAS: The demands of the Maritime Unions have been recognized and supported by the organized labor movement for many years, and,

WHEREAS: The largest ship operators, such as the Dollar Line and Matson Line, who are directing and leading the attack against the Maritime Unions, receive substantial mail contract subsidies from the United States Government, and,

WHEREAS: The purpose of ship subsidies is to permit American shipowners to operate and compete with foreign owned shipping and to maintain an American standard of living for American seamen, and,

WHEREAS: Evidence before a sub-committee of the U. S. Senate (Report 898 74th Congress, 1st session) shows that subsidized shipowners have used government subsidies to pay bonuses to executives, enormous salaries, artificially high dividends, etc., and,

WHEREAS: During the time the shipowners were putting the government subsidies into their own pockets, while the American seamen have been paid miserable wages and have been subject to treatment that has been recognized by government investigators as inhumane and unjust, and,

WHEREAS: A suspension of ship subsidies would force the shipowners to settle peaceably and at once with the Maritime Unions and thereby end the present strike, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That this organization go on record as demanding that the shipowners immediately re-open negotiations with the Maritime Unions upon the fundamental union privileges upon which the strike was called, and be it further

RESOLVED: That this organization go on record as demanding that the United States Government suspend all present subsidies paid to American shipowners until the shipowners have acceded to the just and basic demands of the Maritime unions, and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the press, and to labor, political and fraternal organizations.

## Textile Workers Strike Bemis Bag

SAN FRANCISCO—San Francisco's newest union, a lusty baby, is leading a strike of 150 workers in the Bemis Bag Co. The union is the United Textile Workers.

The workers struck because of threats of a lockout. The union is making the following demands of bag factories in the city: \$18 minimum wage, and a 40-hour week. Negotiations went on Monday and continued Tuesday, with the workers planning to strike if demands are not granted.

The union has virtually organized the bag industry 100% in its short period of existence. It has a membership of 500. Two other main plants are Ames-Harris and Pacific Diamond.

## NOT AN INCH SHALL WE SURRENDER



"NOT AN inch of Soviet soil shall we surrender," say the masses of people in the Soviet Union to Fascists who plan invasion. Photo shows Stalin, secretary of Communist Party of Soviet Union, and Commissar of War Voroshilov, leader of Red Army and Navy.

## The King Frameup Machinery Moves—Labor Must Spike It

THE WELL-OILED shipowners' frame-up machine is again in motion as King, Ramsay, Conner and Wallace go to trial on the charge of murdering an engineer on the "Point Lobos."

The panel out of which will be picked "a jury of their peers" was admittedly selected by those interests whose aim is to secure a quick conviction at all costs—banks, business houses, industrialists, fraternal organizations dominated by "super-patriots"—knowing that the attempted frame-up is a blow aimed at all the maritime unions specifically and at organized labor generally.

Into the ranks of the defense has been thrown an agent of the prosecution—a "public defender" attached to the district attorney's office. The judge himself is a former deputy district attorney under Warren, and part of Warren's Republican machine in Alameda county.

The stage is set, the props are in place, the actors are rehearsed for a judicial farce as the trial opens.

As it proceeds there is no doubt that the state will attempt to alienate public sympathy from the union men on trial by describing the death of the engineer as a Communist murder plot. In this way the prosecution hopes not only to withdraw support from the defendants and viciously slander the Communist Party, but also to weaken the position of the maritime unions which are striking to preserve unionism on the Pacific Coast.

This monstrous frame-up attempt must be defeated. Organized labor and other progressive groups can assure this defeat by rallying to the support of the unionists on trial.

We have had our Mooney and Billings frameup; our criminal syndicalism frame-up; the foul frame-up of the Modesto boys by the Standard Oil interests.

Unite to smash this latest frame-up attempt by the shipowners! King, Ramsay and Conner must go free!

## King Jury Picked By Employers

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plants" which contributed prospective jurors were shipowners. The trial was started despite the fact that attorneys defending King, Ramsay and Conner had filed a motion to try Wallace separately.

Judge Ogden, in defiance of legal tradition, set hearings on the motion to run simultaneously with selection of a jury.

The defense also moved to throw out the jury panel because it includes no persons from labor organizations, but Judge Ogden speedily denied the motion.

The effort to get a separate trial for Wallace comes from the fact that he is "represented" by Public Defender Willard Shea, who in District Attorney Earl Warren's Republican machine.

Shea went on the stand and admitted he had to get Warren's permission to allow Wallace's own union brothers to see him. Shea also admitted he would not necessarily join with other defense counsel in preemptory challenges of prospective jurors. This could nullify every one of the 20 challenges the defense will be allowed.

Not only are the jury, one defendant and his attorney part of the frameup machine, but Judge Ogden himself was picked for the job.

A former deputy district attorney under Warren, he was challenged for his obvious bias and prejudice—but the challenge failed. The defense offered to have any Alameda county judge not a "graduate" of the district attorney's staff preside, but Warren refused, thereby admitting he wanted this one judge on the case.

The defense went to the District Court of Appeals last Friday and asked a postponement of the trial pending review of the case against the judge. The law provides that such a postponement must be granted, but the court, for the first time in history, refused.

The trial will continue every day this week. It is being conducted in Judge Ogden's court, Department 6, in the old Alameda county court house at Fifth and Broadway, Oakland.

## Pedro Strike Not Attack on Italian Fisherman There

SAN PEDRO. — Responsible more than any other factor in making San Pedro a closed shop town, the Deep Sea and Purse Seine Fishermen's Union is again in the front ranks of a struggle for solidarity among the fishermen who sail out of this port.

Undaunted by injunctions and threats of cannery owners to discontinue dealing with the union, the deep sea fishermen, working in harmony with the Japanese Fishermen's Association, have delivered an ultimatum to the canners, which, in effect, declares that the present strike will be maintained until an agreement is signed which will prohibit dealing with non-union Italian fishermen.

Far from being an attack against the Italian fishermen, the move is directed against a few officials in control of the Italian Fishermen's Association who are working in the interests of the canners, hoping to benefit themselves at the expense of the union.

Among the rank and file, the majority are in entire sympathy with the Fishermen's Union, and more than 100 have become members. That this strong union sentiment has brought results is indicated by the fact that only eight Italian boats are holding out against the demands of solidarity.

With no other issues involved but the one of closed shop, with the sardine season at its peak and with union sentiment strong among the non-union fishermen, authoritative observers predict in the near future a complete surrender of the canners.

## San Bernardino to Hear 2 Speakers

SAN BERNARDINO.—Clifton Taft, director of the American Civil Liberties Union, will speak here next Wednesday, November 18th, 7:30 p.m., at Lincoln Hall, 925 3rd St., on democracy in California.

Dr. J. C. Coleman, of the American Friends of the Soviet Union, will speak at the same hall next Friday, November 20th, 7:30 p.m.

## DELEGATION OF SPAIN EXPOSES FASCISTS' LIES

**Says Communists Of Spain Loyal To Democracy**

(See Page 6 for Interview With Delegation.)

SAN FRANCISCO—"I thank you, American Democrats, for your spiritual feeling for Spain. I thank you Spaniards who live far away, for your profound democracy.

"Think of far-away Spain. Love her as never before. Spain is more than a people, she is a symbol. Spain is more than a land, she is a light. Spain is immortal!"

Thus did Marcelino Domingo, president of the Left Republican Party of Spain, appeal for support for his people's fight against Fascism at a monster mass meeting at Dreamland Auditorium here last Sunday. And 6000 throats roared back enthusiastically and devoted support for the Spanish people.

Expose Fascist Lies  
The Spanish delegation completely exposed the lies and "justifications" voiced in this country by pro-Fascists to justify the Fascist rebellion against the Spanish government.

Isabel de Palencia, famous Spanish woman leader, completely blasted the excuse of Fascist General Franco that he had to use violence because "the Communist government and Communism were destroying the Spanish country."

"At the time," she said, "the government was strictly a Republican government. Only when the danger to the Republic was so great, was that government reconstituted to include two Communists, three right-wing Socialists, three left-wing Socialists, six left-Republicans, and the leader of the Catholic Party of the Basque country."

Would Be Proud  
Attacks against the delegation in the U. S. as "Communist," were likewise smashed. "I resent the fact that we should wish to pass under false pretenses," said Señora de Palencia. "If I were a Communist I would say so—I would say so and I would be proud of the fact."

The word 'Communists' is the word Fascism has invented to attack everything they do not want. When the word 'Communist' is applied to myself and my country, I know we are on the right road to defend democracy."

Communists Defend Democracy  
Domingo likewise exposed these Fascist lies. "Those who have been the best defenders of democracy, within the law, are the Communists, and those outside the law are the generals, bishops and grandees—the Fascists."

"The Fascists say the Communists produce disorder. Respecting law and order are the Communists."

Loyal to Spain  
"Those who have produced this criminal disorder that has caused blood on the streets and misery in all Spain, are those who call themselves 'defenders of order.'"

"We are not Communists. We have been honored by going with the Communists to the elections. The Spanish Communists today are loyal, honest, romantic, not fighting only for their ideas but for all, loyal to democracy, loyal to us struggling with them."

"When the government is victorious, they will have the road open and they will allow the democratic forces to continue their mission."

True Catholics Not Fascists  
Father Luis Sarasola, Franciscan priest, stated: "I am and shall always be a Catholic, I am not a Communist, as some have said, but neither am I a Fascist. Fascism and Catholicism are incompatible. He who is a real Catholic cannot be a Fascist; he who is a Fascist cannot be a real Catholic."

"The delegation is in the United States because of our obedience to our government, our love of our country, and for defense of justice and truth. I am with the government precisely because I am a Catholic and because I am a real Democrat."

Father Sarasola cited the most Catholic region of Spain, the Basque country, where the Catholic Party, Socialist Party and Communist Party are all together and fighting against Fascism.

DONATES TO C.P.  
SAN FRANCISCO.—A donation of \$11 to the Communist Party of California has been made by one who signs the donation "Silent Chain No. 8."

## Riverside Rich Haunted by the Western Worker

RIVERSIDE.—The specter of revolution is haunting the rich of Riverside.

Skulking in the dark, Moscow agents, according to J. A. Palen, a gentleman with fascist leanings, said they had left such literature on the lawns of Mira Loma homes as the following:

A copy of the Western Worker, published in San Francisco (not Moscow).

The Sunday Worker, published in New York (not Moscow).

The Labor Defender, likewise not published in Moscow.

"Stealthily they tossed their bundles of Russian-inspired reading matter and then hurried away," Mr. Palen said.

There was no stealth, and workers of Riverside seemed glad to read the literature.

## Labor Aids The Marine Strike

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continued solidarity of the strikers in all the maritime crafts behind their fundamental demands.

Although the I.L.A. International officials have not seemed anxious to carry out their promises of support to the West Coast strike, reported Harry Bridges, intercoastal ships are not being loaded on the east coast through the wishes of the I.L.A. membership there.

"The striking seamen on the East Coast may not be getting the official support of the I.L.A. there, but we have good reason to believe that the I.L.A. membership in the East is supporting them."

Bridges told the delegates of organized labor that while the Department of Labor has been attempting to mediate a settlement of the West Coast strike, the employers remain arrogant in balking the bringing about of peace.

"By their policy of 'passive resistance' they believe they can sew disruption in our ranks, with the aid of such sheets as the Maritime Mirror and other disruptive methods. We have our doubts as to their success."

Bridges stated that if this attitude of the employers continues the Pacific Coast I.L.A. will be forced to take steps to extend the strike. "We have every reason to believe that delegations from the West Coast to the East and Gulf Coasts will be successful in getting the economic support of the I.L.A. there, when we ask it."

"We don't think those steps necessary yet but we didn't go into this strike to lose anything."

Bridges pointed out that the present administration had been reelected with organized labor's support and that therefore the unions have every right to insist that the government bring pressure, through the subsidies it controls, to see that the shipowners grant the fundamental demands of the maritime unions.

Delegate Stern of the Marine Firemen said the spirit of this union's members was high, in the fight to keep the hiring halls and for cash overtime.

Delegate Charlotte of the Masters, Mates and Pilots reported that his union has more men on strike in San Francisco alone this time than it had on the whole coast in 1934. (Preferential employment and cash overtime are the demands of the Mates).

"Our national officials wanted to know if we desired that they call our locals out on strike. That would mean tying up ships from the Great Lakes to the Panama Canal Zone. We don't want to do this until it becomes necessary."

Charlotte exposed the Maritime Mirror as an anti-labor sheet, and on his motion the Labor Council went on record to condemn this sheet.

Delegate Watson of the Marine Cooks and Stewards described the activities of his union in taking charge of the food kitchens for the strikers.

Sponsors Remain  
The general council of the Association will be the original sponsors of the congress.

From the time the congress opened with its public session before a capacity crowd of 1000 people in Scottish Rite Auditorium Friday night, the main note was distinctly anti-Fascist. The first speaker, in fact, was the brilliant visiting Spanish writer and political leader, Isabel de Palencia, who was accorded a tremendous ovation both by delegates and visitors.

In the speeches that followed, as well as in the formal papers and discussion of the closed sessions during the two following days, the writers thoroughly committed themselves to the defense of the cultural standards of their profession. It was pointed out that the menace of censorship and the cultivation of mediocrity in literature is inescapably bound up with repres-

## REACTIONARIES START MOVE TO DISBAR LEO GALLAGHER FOR HIS CHAMPIONING OF LABOR'S CAUSE

**State Bar Association Pushes Proceedings On the Basis of "Alleged Facts" Regarding His Candidacy**

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plinary action" on the basis of "alleged facts" laid before the State Bar.

Gallagher immediately demanded specific information of the charges and the names of persons filing them, and was informed complainant had been made by an attorney, whose name State Bar officials would not disclose, on charges growing out of statements which appeared in his campaign literature during his recent contest for Superior Court, Office No. 15, against the labor-hating incumbent, Judge Crum.

During the campaign, Gallagher repeatedly challenged Crum to debate his qualifications. In his campaign literature, Gallagher pointed out that Crum was the worst labor-hating, Fascist-minded judge on the bench, who had deliberately falsified a statement on appeal in order to deprive defendants (who were workers) of the opportunity of obtaining justice in the higher courts.

All workers, liberals and progressives, for whom Gallagher has fought for years, are urged to pack the offices and corridors of the State Bar in protest against the secret investigation on Tuesday, November 24th, 7:45 p. m., in Room 440, Rowan Building.

Letters and wires of protest against the disbarment proceedings and demands for a public hearing are urged from all citizens who believe in democratic rights, all unions and other progressive organizations.

It is difficult to understand why, if proceedings were to be taken on this complaint, the proceedings were not instituted at once. If charges I made during the campaign were true, the public ought to know at the time so as to be able to act intelligently at the elections.

"If the statements were false, the matter should have been likewise determined before the elections for the protection of the incumbent. It would seem that the Bar Association feared to act because they knew that an open hearing of the charges made by me would prove their truth."

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## Workers' Alliance Wins Demands for 2000 Mothers

LOS ANGELES.—In face of concentrated demands by the Workers' Alliance of America, W.P.A. officials promised last Friday to reinstate any of the 2000 mothers of minor children who were recently transferred to LACRA rolls, who were found ineligible for social security.

Because of purely technical reasons, part of state-wide policy of discrimination according to the Alliance, the women had been declared ineligible for state and federal aid.

## Plan to Lop 20,000 In Calif. Off WPA

SAN FRANCISCO.—Nearly 20,000 W.P.A. workers will be lopped off the work relief pay rolls in this state, Harold Pomerooy, State Relief Director announced on Monday.

The excuse given was that they have "adequate private incomes." The purge of W.P.A. workers is being planned in order to take 12,000 or more unemployed workers off the cash relief rolls and place them on W.P.A., at the expense of thousands now on W.P.A. A series of "investigations" is being planned which is to result in wholesale firings of W.P.A. workers.

## Fight For AFL Unity At Tampa

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suspension of the 10 unions by A.F.L. Executive Council two months ago.

Progressives in Tampa  
Preceding the opening of the convention, William Green spoke in vague terms of an A.F.L. campaign to organize the unorganized—after the C.I.O. admits "it is through," in Green's words.

Strong delegations of progressive delegates are here to bitterly fight any attempt at expulsion of the C.I.O. unions, and to insist on reinstatement of the C.I.O. unions and a real drive to organize basic industries on an industrial union basis.

The C.I.O. unions announced plans for a joint drive to organize 500,000 steel workers, 100,000 cotton garment workers, and the entire men's clothing industry.

Fifty organizers of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee are back in their home districts in Washington, at which it



## LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

It really looks like labor—or organized labor—is going to go into politics.

And when I say politics, I don't mean a continuation of the old "reward-your-friends-and-punish-your-enemies" politics that has been traditional in the American Federation of Labor. That tradition has been worn very, very thin, and appears to be headed for the mothballs, to be preserved as a museum piece. It looks like organized labor is going to go in for independent political action, toward a mass people's front in America—a Farmer-Labor Party.

**Toward Labor Party . . .**  
Right across the S.F. Bay, in Alameda County, organized labor is heading in the direction of a Labor Party.

Some three weeks before the November 3rd elections, a non-partisan conference of delegates from unions affiliated with the Alameda County Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council, met to discuss their position toward candidates and propositions in the elections.

And before they adjourned, they adopted a resolution to call another conference on the third Saturday night of January to discuss independent political action.

The resolution carried by a big majority.

### Down to Earth . . .

The city and county governments of the East Bay are lousy with anti-labor reactionaries, from Mayor McCracken on down and back up again.

The workers there know this—too often they have felt the clubs of police on their heads when they go out on strike for decent wages and working conditions.

The Labor Party is a real down to earth proposition to them, as it is to workers, poor farmers and middle-class people all over the country.

A Labor Party in Alameda County can sweep the elections to come and set up a real pro-labor government in cities and county that will guarantee their rights to organize, strike and picket, and will win better living conditions for them. The domination of these governments by the open-shoppers and their stooges can be ended once and for always.

### Labor Party Nucleus . . .

Just after the elections, leaders of Labor's Non-Partisan League held a three day conference which wound up that its purpose from now on is not only going to be the advancement of legislation for labor, but also as a possible nucleus of a Farmer-Labor Party.

Very significant was the announcement that the League will increase cooperation with the Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota, the Wisconsin Progressive Party and other political parties independent of the Republican and Democratic parties.

John L. Lewis, head of the Industrial Organization and president of the United Mine Workers, has come out for a Labor Party in 1940. Francis Gorman, vice-president of the United Textile Workers, has advocated a Labor Party ever since the A.F. of L. Convention in Atlantic City in 1935.

### Popularize it Now . . .

These trends toward a Farmer-Labor Party are the most encouraging signs on the American political scene but much work has to be done before they are concretized into a real, fighting political party, which can elect its representatives to office.

The Farmer-Labor Party idea has to be made a popular one in every trade union, with virtually every trade unionist in the country. It has to be explained to all the small farmers and middle class people; so that they will understand and support such a party.

The Farmer-Labor Party idea also has to be carried on in connection with organizing unorganized workers into trade unions. One of the important lessons to learn from the Popular Front in France, an equivalent of the Farmer-Labor Party, is that the stronger the Popular Front grew, the stronger the unions grew, and vice versa.

A lot of work has to be done to get a Farmer-Labor Party going, but just remember—the things such a party stands for and will accomplish, are just the things that the workers, farmers and middle class want. A Farmer-Labor Party stands for the needs and demands of these people, and as a bulwark against the worst enemies of the people, who want to preserve profits at the expense of the people, even if they have to resort to murderous Fascism to do so.

## LET'S TALK THIS THING OVER!

Six Reasons Why You Don't Join C.P., And

## SIX REASONS WHY SHOULD JOIN

Dear Friend:

This letter is addressed to you because that you are one of the thousands of sincere and honest people around the Communist Party who are convinced that the program of our Party is really good, who may even consider themselves

these things are important—it's just that I can't see myself doing them. No—the discipline would finish me, I'm sure.

We answer that it's good to know your own weakness. But that it's important, too, that we know them to be better able to overcome them. The discipline of the Communist Party is the healthiest thing in the world for a person. What sort of discipline is it—that of a military command where you hear and obey? No.

The discipline of Communist Party members is one that arises from understanding the importance of the work to be done and applying yourself because you do understand. This discipline was splendidly demonstrated at the 1936 Nominating Convention of the Party in Madison Square Garden, where thousands (25,000) of wildly cheering people were cut to a dead silence in thirty seconds every time the chairman raised his hand, because it had been explained to them that the time was required for a radio broadcast, and every minute was precious.

If there is a form of work that you feel you cannot do, be assured there are enough and more than enough jobs in the Communist Party to go around. Just let your organizer know that you can't for the time being perform this job, but that you're willing to take another. And try to find some sort of work that is congenial to you because the Communist Party does want its members to be in jobs they feel like doing. And be assured that the organizer of your particular unit or section is a reasonably intelligent and sincere individual, whose primary interest is to further the influence of the Party.

If you explain to him the reasons why you don't want to do certain work, he will be sure to co-operate with you in finding a place where you fit in. And above all, don't be afraid of the discipline of the Party. Go to a few meetings and see how it works. (We're sure that you'll feel there should be a lot more discipline than actually exists.)

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**Reason One**  
Number one reason you don't join us:

"I just haven't the time. I don't want to join and do nothing—a parlor Bolshevik. If I can't be active, I'd rather stay out of the Party."

To this we answer: That's a good, sound, honest reason for not joining. Naturally the Communist Party is no party for dawdlers and people who just want to discuss politics. Being a revolutionary party means that we do make certain demands on the energies and time of our members.

But are you sure that you understand correctly the nature of these demands? We do not ask that anyone give up every minute of his time to our work—by no means; we definitely want our Party members to have a social life—to mingle with the people who are not Communists, because we know that in our contacts with these people it is inevitable that you bring them some idea of what Communism is.

What exactly does the Communist Party demand of its members? Of course the demands vary according to the particular nature of the work in your territory, etc. But generally we can safely say that the organizer in your unit or section would be satisfied if you'd spend a minimum of one night a week at a Party task outside of your meeting. Surely, unless you're unusual you have these two nights a week you could spare.

Well, that sounds good, but how does it work out in practice? And doesn't the Party often compel its members to take on more activities? That leads us to question No. 2, which is:

**Reason Two**  
What about this discipline business—if I should join? I don't think I could stand the discipline of having someone tell me to do things when I didn't want to do them. And I'd hate to be compelled to do something I didn't like—like canvassing with the Western Worker perhaps, distributing leaflets, or speaking on a street corner. It isn't that I don't think that

LONDON—The government's bill banning political uniforms and semi-military organizations has been introduced in Parliament, professingly aiming to curb Fascist leagues, in particular Sir Oswald Mosley's "Blackshirts" who recently provoked serious riots.

Organized labor fears, however, that the bill may also be used to curtail the people's right of assembly.

porter and several others outside of the open meetings. We held a party in the form of a Mexican Fiesta where we had speakers and although we did not recruit any at that time, one Mexican couple said they would sign up soon. Others were drawn closer to our party.

We are taking care to recruit those we feel to be the best elements for our party. And at the same time doing all we can to improve our unit life, having certain comrades assigned to give short talks on what is happening on his or her job and the different problems that confront them. Also comrades in mass organizations give short reports.

The State Recruiting Committee of the Communist Party wants YOUR weekly personal experiences in the recruiting drive to double the Party membership. These experiences should come from units, sections and individual comrades, and be sent to the State Recruiting Committee, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

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## C.S. INITIATIVE REPEAL DRIVE IS SUMMED UP

130,000 Sign Repeal Petitions; Audit Of Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO—The California State Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act has opened new offices here at 111 Jones Street, Room 103, and is now mailing out letters to unions and other progressive organizations summing up the result of the initiative petition campaign to repeal the anti-labor C. S. Act.

Some 130,000 signatures were collected, of which 74,000 were certified to the Secretary of State.

At the present time, Ladies Auxiliary No. 3 of the International Longshoremen's Association has been granted use of the Conference office for the relief committee.

C. S. Dances Nov. 21st  
Next Saturday, November 21, 8 p. m., the Conference is sponsoring a benefit dance to carry on the campaign against the C. S. Act, at Druids Temple, 44 Page Street, with turkeys, beer and union music promised. Admission is 25 cents.

Following is the Conference statement of receipts and disbursements from February 16th to September 26th, 1936:

**Receipts**  
Sacramento Conference, April 19th—proceeds from meals, \$65.26; badges and pins, \$40; bus tickets, \$70; cash collection, \$264.15—total, \$439.41.

Dances, March 14th and September 5th, \$307.71; sale of pamphlets, \$12.30; cards to parole board, \$26.92; repeal pins, \$44.54; from local C. S. Act Repeal Committees, \$108.12; contributions from organizations, \$187.56; contributions from individuals, \$285.26; miscellaneous receipts, \$19.98; loans received, \$115; balance, February 16th, 10 cents—total receipts, \$1546.90.

**Disbursements**  
Sacramento Conference, \$256.85; petition campaign advertising, \$38.09; printing petitions, \$226.62; traveling expense, \$50.25; dances expense, \$198.36; C. S. pamphlets and pins, \$33.52; telegrams, \$9.87; office rent, \$70; telephone and carfare, \$66.57; general printing, \$113.80; volunteers' expenses, \$33.12; typists' salaries, \$124.50; typewriter rental, \$15; city permits, \$15.08; mimeographing, \$23.25; stationery, etc., \$43.22; postage, \$112.47; miscellaneous, \$8.40; loans repaid, \$8.28; total disbursements, \$1507.25.

Cash balance on hand September 8th, \$39.65; bills unpaid, \$226.75; total, \$1546.90.

The books were audited and found correct by May Moberg and T. Ward, auditing committee.

**Dr. Townsend Says He is Moving To Chicago**

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Francis E. Townsend, originator of the pension plan bearing his name, appeared here last Thursday at the Biltmore Theatre before an audience estimated at 2000 and announced that he was leaving Southern California to establish headquarters in Chicago, "because of its central location."

well as the new, need classes badly, for that reason, we are planning to start a functionaries class as well as a new members class. All comrades who will and can attend will be urged to do so. In that manner we plan on fitting them for higher training school. We hope to make our section a leader in every way and will work for that end.

Thanksgiving we are planning a big Thanksgiving Dinner Party and open meeting for the Section, a barbecued pig and all the

trimmings, a good speaker and question period, after which we will dance and have an enjoyable time. Some other Sections plan on supporting this affair.

Our quota for our recruiting drive was set at 18. We raised it to 25. We have already signed up 19 new recruits. Not all of these will be in our section, but we feel that they will be a help to the section to which they are assigned.

Here's to a Mass Party in Belvedere Section.

**THE COMMUNIST PARTY,**  
121 Haight Street,  
San Francisco.

OR  
224 South Spring Street, Room 409,  
Los Angeles.

(Mark "X") I want to join  
I want more information about  
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## SPANISH PEOPLE NEED OUR HELP



AT LEFT, Dr. Norman Bethune, former chief of chest surgery at Montreal's Sacred Heart Hospital, now with a medical relief unit among Spanish people's army in fight against Fascism. Medical and other supplies are urgently needed by the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, 832 Broadway, New York. At right, Largo Caballero, premier of Spanish people's government.



## WALL STREET IS CONFIDENT UNDER F.D.R.

Letters Show Danger Roosevelt May Capitulat

NEW YORK—Necessity for organized labor and progressives to increase the pressure on Roosevelt for their demands, was shown by the confidence expressed by Wall Street reactionaries that they can swing President Roosevelt over to their side against the American people.

This was sharply outlined in a letter from John D. Rockefeller Jr., congratulating Postmaster James A. Farley for his election midnight statement as "the finest kind of sportsmanship."

The strong danger that Roosevelt might capitulate to the reactionaries and pro-Fascists was seen in Farley's midnight election statement attempting to pour oil on the reactionaries' election wounds, and in Farley's answer to Rockefeller's letter, as follows:

"I do not know of any letter I have received since election that gave me greater pleasure than yours. It was very kind and generous of you to write me, and I am indeed grateful."

Not "Helpful" to Workers  
Farley said he asked Rockefeller for permission to make the latter's letter public "because I feel that your letter would have a helpful effect on the country."

Rockefeller had written, in part:

Such words as these, I say, coming from you, will go a long way toward inspiring confidence and bringing about the cooperation of all citizens."

In other words the Rockefeller, who spent huge sums for London's campaign, are not afraid for their profits under Roosevelt.

**Army Chief Calls for Midway War Base**

WASHINGTON—American imperialism's belief in the close record of war was shown in the record of Major General Markham, army engineering chief, that a seaplane basis be constructed at Midway Island, in the Pacific, at a \$500,000 cost. This would push defense lines 1500 miles westward.

**Unknown Man Gives \$100 for Spain**

CHICAGO—"Do you need money for medical supplies for Spain?" asked a man, walking into the International Labor Defense office here. "Here's a hundred dollars."

"No, I won't give you my name. I don't attend public meetings."

And he walked out.

## S. F. First With Plans Made For "Western" Drive

Offer Two Trips to Soviet Union; \$3150 Assigned in Quotas for Sections "Each Member to Raise \$5"

"Each Member raise \$5 and obtain a new subscription for the Western Worker."

This is the central slogan of the Communist Party of San Francisco City and County for the big annual drive to support the Western Worker and the Daily and Sunday Worker, with the emphasis on the necessity of fulfilling the financial quota at all costs.

The San Francisco quota was set at \$3,000, but they are going to make \$3150, according to their detailed plan.

They are going at it in a big way. They are giving in prizes alone two trips to the Soviet Union. They are giving a \$75 radio to the section which exceeds its quota the most. A \$35 radio will be given any or all sections which get as many six-months' subscriptions, or equivalent, as they have members.

### Keep 11th Ticket

More than this. They are issuing books of 11 tickets to their grand wind-up ball on March 6th, and the 11th ticket is given free to the individual or organization which sells the other 10. This ticket can be used by the individual or sold for its cash value.

Every ticket to the grand ball is a chance for its holder on one of the trips to the Soviet Union. The other trip will go to the individual who sells the most tickets.

### Quotas Listed

Here are the quotas which the sections in San Francisco will raise, through the sale of tickets to the grand ball, through the New Year's Eve celebration and unit and branch affairs:

Fillmore	\$275
20th Assembly District	225
23rd Assembly District	150
27th Assembly District	100
Waterfront	750
Professional	750
Total	\$2,750

From non-party and language groups the following quotas have been accepted:

I. W. O.	\$100
South Slav	100
Greek	50
Finnish	50
Russian	50
Italian	50
Total	\$400

Grand Total \$3,150

### Mallett in Charge

George Mallett, fresh from managing the County election campaign, is the campaign manager. Each section is to have its own local manager, with the same arrangement for units and branches. Once a week, beginning Saturday, Nov. 21st, all section managers will meet with the County and the Western Worker Drive Committee.

Money from sale of the tickets to the grand ball, and from other activities of the campaign, will be tabulated weekly and turned over to the state campaign committee. Weekly checkup will be made in all units, sections, and fractions.

### Calendar

The Official Calendar for the Drive in San Francisco is as follows:

- Nov. 15—Official opening.
- Nov. 21—First meeting of all section Western Worker Drive managers, 2 p. m.
- Dec. 8—City-wide press conference.
- Dec. 31—New Year's Eve affair, 121 Haight Street, celebrating the birthday of the Western Worker.
- Pan. 21—Lenin Memorial Day, half of the collection at mass meeting to go to the drive.
- March 6—Western Worker Ball at Scottish Rite Auditorium.
- March 20—Epilogue: Farewell party for the two persons leaving for the Soviet Union.

### What About Others

This is the San Francisco plan. Will they carry it out? They will! Because they are going to tackle the carrying it out as enthusiastically as they put it together.

What are the plans of other parts of the state and of Nevada and Arizona? How about L. A.? San Diego? Oakland? Contra Costa? Eureka? Fresno?

The drive is on!

**WESTERN WORKER,**  
121 Haight Street,  
San Francisco.

I want to see the workers' press continue to live and grow. I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ as a contribution to the combined annual drive of the Western Worker, Daily Worker and Sunday Worker.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_  
City and State \_\_\_\_\_

## Once A Weak Section--Now Watch It Grow!

LOS ANGELES—We are in the midst of the Browder Ford recruiting Drive. Our section has taken the slogan "A Mass Party in Belvedere Section."

We started the drive with 28 members, not all active or attending meetings—three communist Party units.

We plan on building at least one new unit, have made a good start in that direction as we have recruited five new members in this intended unit territory.

On October 1st an open meeting was held, at which time we signed up eight recruits, of very good composition—one young American trade union member, three American WPA workers, two Mexican women and two Mexican men.

Two weeks later, another unit held an open meeting at which three Mexican workers were recruited, two men and one woman. The following night another unit held an open meeting and recruited one woman.

After each open meeting refreshments were served and a very good social time was had by all.

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That will help the comrades in speaking. We also by this means make them feel they are one of us.

**Question Box**  
We are also starting a question box, so that comrades can write down their questions and have them answered later. Some new comrades hesitate asking questions for fear they will sound foolish. In such a manner, no one knows who writes the questions and there is no embarrassment.

Each unit plans on having an open meeting once a month. All units have challenged other units and Socialist competition is expected to be keen.

We are trying to get each comrade Western Worker conscious. So far that has not been done. Some seem to take the matter far too lightly. But we'll do all we can to develop them so they can see the importance of our Western Worker. Once we get them to see the importance of it, we will have no trouble to get them to read it, as well as going out to sell it and get subscriptions.

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### The S.R.A. Aids Shipowners

AN ORDER recently issued by State Relief Administrator Pomeroy declares that single men on strike are not eligible to any relief, and that strikers with families will be given limited grocery orders when and if their cases are "approved."

This order is aimed directly at the waterfront strikers. It is dictated by the shipowners and other reactionary interests. It is another weapon calculated to help beat down the resistance of the maritime workers, who are fighting for unionism and decent working and living conditions.

This arbitrary ruling of the State Relief Administration can be defeated. Workers on strike are entitled to and can receive full relief benefits. The best instrument that strike committees can use to force the rescinding of this order is the Workers Alliance, the organization of relief and unemployed workers which has been duly recognized, both by the Federal and state relief administrations, as the duly accredited bargaining agent for all those on work and direct relief.

The workers Alliance has already done good work in securing relief for those discriminated against for one reason or another. The Alliance is aware of all the buck-passing methods used by the relief administration; it knows how to slash through yards of red tape and get results swiftly.

We suggest that the waterfront unions cooperate with the Workers Alliance, the union of the unemployed, to stop the use of the State Relief Administration as a tool of the shipowners.

### Speed Funds for Spain

THE NEWS of the heroic counter-offensive by the embattled people's forces defending Madrid has electrified the workers and other anti-Fascists throughout the world.

One week ago Madrid had already surrendered, was flying the white flag, and the Fascist hordes of Franco were mopping up in the streets of the capitol—according to the Fascist Hearst press; but fortunately Hearst and other arch-reactionaries in this country were not in a position to surrender Madrid. The Spanish people's forces, armed with a heroism born of the knowledge they are fighting not alone to defend their capitol, but for the forces of democracy and progress throughout the world, not only pushed the Fascists back from the suburbs of Madrid, but have actually launched a drive against them which has already resulted in several significant victories.

This strengthening of the People's Front Government forces has been made possible by the support being given them by liberty-loving people in all parts of the world. Help which ranged from shipments of arms and munitions from Mexico, and funds from workers in the United States and other countries, to the work done by German munitions workers who stuffed bombs intended for Spain with sawdust.

Now is the time to increase a hundredfold our support to the Spanish anti-Fascists. Due to the capitalist press, and especially the Hearst papers, there is still a good deal of confusion as to the real issues involved in the Spanish civil war. This is why the meetings held in California at which the visiting Spanish delegation told of the fight being made by the democratic Republic of Spain against the Fascist armies must be translated into action. People who attended these meetings must carry the message to their friends and shopmates. Collection of funds must be speeded up. The people of Spain look to us for support. We must not fail them. Their battle is ours.

### Bring Pressure on Sacramento

IN SIX WEEKS the new state legislature convenes.

It will meet with a mandate from the people of California—evidenced by the overwhelming defeat of the arch-reactionary Landon-Liberty League ticket in this state—to sponsor pro-labor legislation and do away with those reactionary laws which are a menace to labor and an affront to the people of this state.

The great masses of California people are opposed to vigilantism. They are determined that it must be stamped out. Every time a vigilante outrage is perpetrated the

storm of protest is wide and loud. There can be no mistaking the will of the people on this score. Vigilantism is an extra-legal, undemocratic and un-American weapon of the large exploiters of labor.

Will the state legislature pass effective laws to outlaw vigilantism, laws which will provide stiff punishment for vigilantes? Or will it continue to act as an instrument in the hands of the anti-labor elements by continuing to wink at vigilantism?

Will the state legislature continue to place the burden of taxation on the backs of the common people through the sales tax, in compliance with the will of the reactionary Merriam—or will this body of lawmakers act as the people's representatives by shifting the burden of taxation onto the backs of those who can well afford to pay—the Ginninis, Chandlers, Crockers, Fleishhackers, and other millionaire employers of labor?

Will the elected representatives of the people take steps to provide adequate social security—unemployment and old age insurance—for the people of California?

These and other vital questions will be answered during the coming session of the state legislature—but the answer depends to a large extent upon what the people of the state do to bring pressure upon the legislature to force it to act in accordance with their will.

United action of all labor and progressive organizations in California, based upon a common program of pro-people's legislative measures, is urgently needed to turn theory into fact—to make of our legislature a body for men who reflect at least to some degree the desires and needs of the people.

### Mr. Rowell's Politics

THE SMALLNESS of the Communist vote, right in the midst of the Communist scare, is perhaps the most interesting phenomenon . . . the red bugaboo thus collapses. There was nothing but vapor in it, anyway.

Thus writes Chester Rowell, columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle, in gloating over the Communist vote as proof of the small and negligible influence of the Communist Party in California and throughout the entire country.

The Chronicle and Mr. Rowell vigorously supported Landon during the election campaign, thus lining themselves up on the side of the most reactionary enemies of labor, on the side of the forces heading most rapidly toward Fascism. To us, the most interesting aspect of the election is the overwhelming and sharp rebuke to reaction and Fascism delivered by the American people. A rebuke, also, directed against propagandists for the candidates of reaction, like Mr. Rowell.

This interesting fact (we can't call it a phenomenon) Mr. Rowell fails to record or comment on, but his omission isn't surprising. Can one say that the votes for Earl Browder can be used as a yardstick with which to measure the influence and prestige of the Communist Party, as Mr. Rowell does?

Certainly not. The Communist Party directed its main fire in this campaign against Landon and the Republican-Liberty League ticket. The main issue, we declared, was democracy versus Fascism. Did the people respond to this slogan when they went to the polls on November 3rd? The election vote speaks for itself.

Then, too, Mr. Rowell completely ignores the significantly larger vote given to Communist candidates for the assembly and for Congress. Thousands of voters, aware of the necessity of defeating Mr. Rowell's candidate, Alf Landon, at all costs, and not yet convinced that a vote for Browder would be the most effective blow against reaction and Fascism, and for a Farmer-Labor Party, voted for Communist candidates for lesser offices and not for the Communist Presidential ticket.

We respectfully suggest to Mr. Rowell, also, that he scan the country for the rapidly awakening sentiment for a Farmer-Labor party—a sentiment due in no small degree to the influence and prestige of the Communist Party in the election campaign!

### PLANNING DRIVE THAT WILL SHAKE OPEN SHOPPERS



PLANNING THE drive to organize 500,000 steel workers at a recent Steel Workers' Organizing Committee meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa. Left to right (standing): Assistant Director Noel Beddow and Director William Mitch of the Alabama region; Director John A. Brophy of the Committee for Industrial Organization, and Vice President Leo Krzycki of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. Sitting, left to right: Vice Presidents Thomas Gillis and Joseph K. Gaither of the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers; Secretary-Treasurer David J. McDonald and Chairman Philip Murray of the S.W.O.C., Clinton S. Golden, northeastern regional director; Dist. Pres. P. T. Fagan of the United Mine Workers of America, Vice Pres. Julius Hochman of the Intl. Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, and Lee Pressman, S.W.O.C. gen. counsel. At right, John Brophy, director of C.I.O., which sponsors C.I.O. campaign.

## The Grange Convention and the Small Farmers

(The Western Worker will soon publish a series of articles on the Salinas lettuce strike. In these articles the question of the farm workers and the small farmers will be dealt with.)

— By N. D. —

The California State Grange held its 64th annual convention in Sacramento last month. To the convention came 1200 small farmers.

The Grange, with organization in every state in the country, is one of the strongest of the organizations representing the small farmer.

Most of the delegates to the Sacramento convention were men typical of the American small farmer, with grievances more burning than ever, with a desire to fight for pressing needs of the small farmer, progressive to the core, but confused.

In the very confusion of the debate around the points raised at the convention, in the very confusion expressed in the program finally adopted, can be seen the vital need for the Communist Party, and the organized labor movement to pay the closest attention to the small farmers and their needs, to fight alongside the small farmers for their needs, and to draw the small farmers into the struggle for the needs of the workers.

Despite the confusion evident parts of the program adopted, the great possibilities for enlisting the bulk of California's small farmers in the movement for a Farmer-Labor Party could be clearly seen at Sacramento.

The small farmers, without as yet having crystallized this sentiment, are pretty well fed up with many of the evils foisted upon them by the two old parties.

**Tax Reform**  
This could be seen in the sharp demand at the convention for tax reform; the denouncing of paid lobbyists, and the stress on the pushing of demands directly by taxpayers and voters; the sentiment for extension of public ownership in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Valleys; the discontent with the evils of dairy inspection as it exists under the present set-up, etc.

If only the delegates to the Grange convention could have been clearly shown that their grievances result from the actions and policies of the old party politicians in office, on the basis of records of many of the individual old party politicians, the sentiment for a Farmer-Labor Party among the small farmers could have been sped a long distance along the road to crystallization.

The Grange convention teaches us what the burning grievance of the California farmers are, and if these are taken into account in the future, if these are made the issues upon which the small farmers of California are approached for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party, by the Communist Party in the sections in which the small farmers form an important factor, then the building of a Farmer-Labor Party in California will be brought to realization at a much quicker pace.

Taxation was a burning issue at the convention. State Grange Master Sehlmeier, who on the whole has shown himself as a progressive, particularly stressed the issue of tax reform. The Grange went on record for fewer tax collectors.

From this it can be seen that the small farmer of California feels the present system of taxation a heavy burden upon him. A system of lower taxes for the small farmers must therefore become a major part of a program for winning the small farmers to the Farmer-Labor Party.

#### Social Insurance

At the same time, the small farmers, if sentiment at the Grange Convention is any indication, and it is, very much favor the shifting of the tax burden on the rich, on the corporations, and on the big growers. The convention, for instance, after a debate, favored the chain store tax.

When this is coupled up with the fact that the convention favored a system of adequate old age pensions, it can be seen that a program of social insurance based on taxation of the wealthy and the large corporations and big growers is one which would meet with ready approval by the small farmers.

That the small farmers more and more realize that they are natural allies of the working class, of the organized labor movement, that the same interests oppress both farmers and workers, has been shown by resolutions against vigilantism by Sonoma farm organizations as well as farmer organizations in other California counties, and only recently by such an act as Progressive Club in Santa Rosa, the resolution of the farmers' which stated:

"RESOLVED: That we pledge our moral and financial support to Organized Labor, and when it forms a Union label league in Sonoma County such as is now being formed in Marin County. This is in harmony with the Progressive Party platform which reads:

"We favor the protection of the right of workers and working women to organize into unions of their own choosing for the purpose of collective bargaining. We are unalterably opposed to the use of the militia and the police to break strikes, and affirm the right of labor to strike, picket and boycott."

"We favor the employment of union labor on all State works and projects, including the Central Valley water project."

At the Grange convention the small farmers again showed that they no longer tend to regard themselves as remaining aloof from other sections of the masses of people. This was expressed for example in that section of the adopted program which declared it "against good Americanism to force people before they can get W.P.A. jobs."

The arm of the small farmer is outstretched to the worker in solidarity, and organized labor must begin to take advantage of this.

**Small Farmers and Labor**  
If we Communists, and all progressive forces who want to see the establishment of a Farmer-Labor Party will get to know what is on the mind of the small farmer, what his grievances are, what to him are matters of life and death importance, and lend him a helping hand in achieving correction of these grievances, then growth of a Farmer-Labor Party movement will be infinitely swifter. Small farmers in California convention has shown us, and have recently demonstrated their

hatred for the forces which make for Fascism, in the fight for river-bank rights along the San Joaquin river—rights which the big power interests are stealing for themselves. Resistance to the T.B. cattle test has been frequent (not that the small farmer opposes the test as such, or wishes to place sick cattle on the market—but that he wants none of the wanton slaughter of small farmers' cattle which have not been tested, while the big dairy interests are able through bribery to escape the loss of cattle through the test).

The Grange convention's program showed us some more of the day to day grievances of the small farmer of California.

**Adequate Medical Care**  
Such grievance is the question of adequate medical care for the small farmer and his family. Among the demands of the Grange convention were hospitalization at cost in county hospitals, and the demand for a maximum charge of 10 cents a mile, by doctors.

The hatred of the power interests, which through the old parties have been enabled to keep the small farmers at their mercy, was shown in the demand favoring extension of public ownership in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys so as to encourage competition of the Central Valley Water Project. Demand for completion of the Central Valley Project was strong at the Grange convention.

A system of public ownership of power and utilities, in which the workers and farmers shall have a say, is therefore an important part of the platform of those forces seeking to build a Farmer-Labor Party. Along with this is the prevention of private power interests obtaining a hold on projects like Central Valley.

Farm debt adjustment was another important part of the Grange convention discussion, and to this the Communist Party and all forces seeking to build a Farmer-Labor Party must pay particular attention.

A program calling for freeing the small farmer from his debt burden to the bankers and other capitalist interests, and federal and state government financial aid in connection with debts would have wide appeal to the small farmers.

Confusion in the minds of the small farmers was expressed in those parts of the program which called for "more careful supervision of text books" for the oleomargarine tax; prevention of aliens from applying for citizenship after they have been in the country seven years; and a few other similar points.

But these were far outweighed by the progressive tendencies at the convention, and the many real, burning needs of the small farmers stressed at the convention. Such confusion could easily be eliminated once the bonds between organized labor and the small farmers are strengthened, and with closest attention by the Communist Party to the farmers and their needs.

In many a strike struggle the small farmers have donated generously of food and clothing to the strikers. Important sections of the small farmers have revealed their distastes of vigilantism in California.

The program of the Grange convention has shown us, and have recently demonstrated their

## AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,  
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

### The Barrage Begins

WITH TONGUES IN CHEEK, the Industrial Association bewails the fact that the maritime strikes is hurting the small business man, the merchant, and the shipper. The rank hypocrisy of this can best be seen when one remembers that the waterfront employers, one of the mainstays of the open-shop Industrial Association, have been planning a lockout of the maritime unions for more than a year, and at midnight of September 30th were on the verge of putting it into effect when the temporary truce was reached.

The Industrial Association is not really worried about the losses of the strike for the small business man. Its propaganda, however, has the purpose of working up sentiment against the unions, in order to create the atmosphere necessary for acts of strikebreaking and vigilantism. It is trying to stir up the wrath of the small business man in order to put pressure on the government to take action against the unions.

The same people who prevented a settlement with the unions, Mr. T. G. Plant and the "Big 4" shipping lines, now claim that the unions are responsible for the strike. The propaganda they are now generating through statements and paid advertisements in the newspapers, has the purpose of taking the responsibility for the strike off their own shoulders, where it belongs.

The average worker has learned to recognize this kind of strikebreaking propaganda, but the small business man sometimes falls for it. The merchant who is taken in by this propaganda, forgets that it is put out by the same big business interests that has mercilessly crushed the little fellow to the wall, that has never shown he slightest concern for anyone in the onward march of the big monopolies. Today the big employers are trying to enlist the small merchants in the open-shop drive against Organized Labor. The trade unions, and especially the striking maritime unions, must pay serious attention to counteracting the Industrial Association propaganda among the middle classes.

### Mr. Aram Solves The Problem

What was said in this column about the Salinas strike would not be complete without mentioning that the sell-out by Vandeleur, Doos, and Shevlin was engineered with the able assistance of Mr. Alfred Aram, attorney for the State Federation of Labor in Salinas. Many strikers bitterly complain of Aram's neglect or deliberate sabotage of the defense of arrested strikers, especially those that were known as militants. He also participated actively in putting over the final betrayal of sending the men back to work without any guarantees, and permitting the most vicious blacklist system ever seen in California to be established against hundreds of strikers, by the growers.

Mr. Aram's fitness to represent labor in a strike situation can be seen from a pamphlet he issued Oct. 17th, while the strike was still on. The line of his pamphlet is one of praising the vigilantes, viciously attacking the militants in the union as "radical disrupters" who want to crush the union, and proposing a "remedy" of setting up an arbitration or mediation board. Unfortunately for Mr. Aram, his vision of the gentle growers sitting down at a conference table and listening sympathetically to the workers' story of starvation wages and conditions, faded away very quickly in a tear gas barrage, and he proved to be a false prophet.

The growers answered the plea for peace, or arbitration, and even Governor Merriam's proposals, with a reign of terror against the strikers; they are not satisfied until the union will be completely smashed or entirely in the hands of their stool pigeons. And these are the people that Mr. Aram proposes to depend on their "fairness" to mediate or arbitrate the question of starvation wages.

But the gem of the pamphlet is the description of a man whom Aram praises as "the type of American who built America." "He commands my confidence and respect." His "industry, intelligence, and commercial integrity" is responsible for his success. The man Aram is describing is the infamous "Hink" Strobel, the grower, the leader of the vigilante mobs who attacked and tear-gassed strikers, men, women and children.

the organized labor movement and out of it, that the small farmers can, without much difficulty, be won over to close cooperation with organized labor, and with all progressive forces and for the Farmer-Labor Party.

#### AIDING SPAIN

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. — A group of Smith College students (women) are knitting sweaters and scarfs for Spanish families forced to flee by the Fascists.

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## YOUR HEALTH

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

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Los Angeles, Calif.

**DEAR DOCTOR:** Hyperthyroidism happens to be my trouble. Can you recommend something other than bromides? Something that might have a more lasting effect. My pulse is about 90, and my metabolism is 38 per cent above normal. N. E.

Answer—The thyroid gland secretes its products into the blood stream. The secretion is carried to other organs or glands, which it generally stimulates.

When a patient has what is called "hyperthyroidism," the thyroid gland is secreting too much and the organs which it influences are too highly stimulated.

As in most other diseases, each case is different from others and must be handled individually by a doctor. Where this is not possible, the following rules may apply in most cases:

Avoid all worry, excitement, and mental and physical fatigue. Complete rest in bed is most desirable but where this is not possible, it is advisable to have a nap of an hour or two flat on the back in the afternoon, best just after lunch.

At least nine hours regular sleep at night. Avoid all strenuous exercise or heavy work.

The diet should consist of large quantities of fruits and vegetables, with plenty of starches to prevent loss of weight. Very little meat, fish, eggs, or cheese should be taken. Avoid tea, coffee, and alcohol.

There may be a focus of infection which is poisoning the thyroid gland. If at all possible the patient should have a doctor study his teeth, tonsils, sinuses, gall-bladder, appendix, and genital organs to make sure that there is no focus.

Many cases will need X-Ray treatment by a good specialist or removal of part of the thyroid gland by a surgeon before they will clear up.

**Bernarr MacFadden Does His Dirty Work and Brings on a Breakdown**

San Francisco, Calif.

**DEAR COMRADE DOCTOR:** I have had several physical breakdowns—so-called nervous breakdowns—the first brought on by overdoing in physical culture exercises on a light diet following Bernarr MacFadden's instructions. I have little strength. I get cold easily. I have stomach trouble and bladder trouble. What is the real cause of all this? It can't be the mind that causes disease or ailment as the Christian Scientist says.

L. T.

Answer—The nervous system, of which the brain or mind is an important part, is naturally very closely linked with the rest of the body. For this reason, the condition of the mind affects the body, and vice versa.

However, this is not to the extent that the Christian Scientists believe. They believe that there is no such thing as physical disability or infection, but that all disease is caused by a bad state of the mind. This, of course, is not true, as anyone knows who has made a study of the human body.

The mind must be quite abnormal before it has much effect on a person's physical condition, except that some diseases may be worsened through worry or other slight nervous affections.

I believe that you have available to you advice by doctors who study your case. It is necessary for the time being to take their advice as to your condition.

## Women on the March

BY MARY GARFIELD

Oh gather 'round me, friends of mine,  
I have a word to say  
Of the city by the Golden Gate,  
Of the bridge that spans the bay.

Of Public Schools for which we pay  
We workers, me and you;  
Of teacher who is dumb, no doubt;  
But what I tell is true.

Through megaphone with sonorous voice  
She bade our children rise,  
And belch from youthful throats this lie,  
That soiled the azure skies:

"We love you, Mayor Rossi,  
Some thousand children said—  
(Then thumbing nose in overt glee:  
"We wish that you were dead.")

So this is free America,  
So this is Public School;  
And this is one called Carpenter  
Who likes to play the fool.

**THERE'S THE STORY,** in the Civic Center on Armistice Day, Miss Carpenter, Director of Music for our schools here, in San Francisco, saw fit to do this Fascist-minded thing.

We've got all kinds of birds in and around San Francisco, sea gulls and pigeons, and all the parrots we need. We don't want our children turned into parrots, with Miss Carpenter's help.

How do you suppose the waterfront children felt, who had to stand up and say this thing?

Children whose fathers were plugged with bullets by Rossi-directed police during the general strike?

Shall we women go forward in an orderly and determined way to have this Fascist minded woman removed from our midst as a teacher in San Francisco?

The children are blaming their mothers for their being there Armistice Day. They are not blaming their fathers. The mother is almost always the connecting link with the school in the child's opinion. They expect us to go into action, and to see to it that no such an affront is repeated.

**HAVE YOU SEEN IT?** The swell elegant invitation issued to a select clientele to witness the opening of the Bridge? It's a humdinger, all right. About 8½ by 11 inches, engraved on the kind of paper "you love to touch."

It starts off like this: "HIS EXCELLENCY, FRANK H. MERRIAM AND THE CALIFORNIA TOLL BRIDGE AUTHORITY invite you to witness the ceremony in connection with the dedication of the California Oakland Bridge."

Maybe we'll be grown up and big enough to arrange our own party when the Golden Gate Bridge is opened.

At our party, no one shall pass over the bridge until every man who has worked on the bridge shall have passed over with

## FACES TORTURE



Dr. Franklin E. Bissell

**U. S. SUPREME COURT** will soon get the case of Angelo Hernandez, young Negro unemployed leader, who has been sentenced to 18-20 years on a Georgia chain gang under antiquated "slave insurrection" law. California State Federation of Labor is on record for his freedom. His fight is labor's fight.

## Filipino Paper Exposes Fake Independence

(Editorial from Philippines Commonwealth Times)

On November 15th, the Filipino people will inaugurate the first year of the Philippines Commonwealth Government created by the Tydings-McDuffie Law. It promises us independence by 1945 and, to make good that promise, we have to accept all injustices and inequities imposed by the law. We might say it is gratitude from the United States Government in redeeming the promise of that coveted freedom we have been craving about. Far from it. It is a purely imperialistic scheme tacitly imposed upon a minority race which is not at all the will of the American people.

Senator Tydings is on record as one of the most dangerous reactionaries ever seated in Congress. As a super-lobbyist, he succeeded in railroad his bill through Congress and made President Quezon like it. In fact, Quezon liked it so much that he did not take so much time in handing the dynamite into the hands of the Filipino people.

Senator Tydings wanted to be human to Puerto Rico, too. He introduced a plain copy bill of the Tydings-McDuffie law to apply to Puerto Rico. The Puerto Ricans are highly sensible people. They protested against it. Congressman Vito Marcantonio of New York led the fight. This is what he stated: "I take this occasion to advise the workers of Puerto Rico that the building up of militant labor organizations must commence right now. They must not wait for independence, for by building such organizations they will constitute themselves the best forces in their own struggle."

This is a challenge to the Filipino people. We seem confident of waiting for a 10 year period and everything will be fine. The best we can do is to get organized into militant labor and trade unions for it is the best security we got in our struggle. Organized and we can demand what we want and not take what we don't want.

## This is War

In peaceful harbor, round the ships of war

Wheel the gulls;  
And torrents of marines and sailors pour

From their hulls.  
Through the town the flood is surging

From the shore:  
Peace though every voice of us be urging—

—ANN PORTER—

his wife, his children, his sweetheart, or whoever he cherishes most—maybe his dog.

When he grows tired of walking on his bridge, he'll let the rest of us in, and we'll be ready with hot dogs and hot coffee and pop and suki yaka for me, and ice cream cones and tons of candy, all paid for with the money we saved on invitations. We'll laugh and we'll sing and go boom, boom with the fog horn.

His EXCELLENCY, poor old man, can sleep under a tree with a newspaper over his face, and Angelo Rossi can stay home and pick bugs off of plants.

**SLICE 3** big onions, steam in a spoonful of butter, then add 1 tablespoon flour. Cover with 2 quarts of hot water. Cook until tender. Flavor with beef cubes, 1 for each cupful, add pepper and salt to taste, and pour over dried out, thinly sliced French bread, on which you have heaped grated cheese. Place under the broiler a few minutes to glaze over. This is onion soup as cooked by Mme. Gaston Bley, many years ago. In a hard world, she had to find a way to support a great artist whose "fiddle arm" had become paralyzed. She taught cooking.

## Workers' Alliance Recognition Shown in Official Documents; Bargaining Rights Are Listed

Two executive orders issued by Frank McLaughlin, state director of the W.P.A., should be clipped and retained by every W.P.A. worker, particularly by members of the Workers' Alliance. Issuance of these orders followed a state-wide conference at which the Workers' Alliance was granted recognition as a representative of workers in the settlement of grievances.

They show just what rights have been granted officially in black and white to the workers as a result of the past five years' mass unemployed struggle, the leadership of which is now vested in the Workers' Alliance.

Every concession granted in these documents is mandatory on the local W.P.A. officials, and should be insisted upon while continuing the fight for further recognition and for a nationwide raise in pay on the W.P.A.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 109**  
Nov. 6, 1936  
**PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING COMPLAINTS OR GRIEVANCES OF WORKERS**

1. **AUTHORITY.** District Directors shall delegate full authority to the District Division of Employment to receive and adjust complaints or grievances of workers and to deal with organizations of workers for the purpose of maintaining harmonious labor relations. At the same time the District Director will hold the Division of Employment responsible for the treatment and adjustment of such matters strictly in accordance with policies of the Federal and State Works Administration.

2. **PRESENTATION OF COMPLAINTS OR GRIEVANCES.** Complaints or grievances which cannot be, or have not been, adjusted on projects where they arise may be presented to the District Office by any worker or by any committee not exceeding three persons. A complaining worker may present his complaint individually, or in company with not more than two other persons of his own choosing, or he may have it presented for him by a committee of not more than three persons selected by himself from any source, or selected by such workers' organization as he may wish to designate. Unless the worker himself is present, a committee presenting a complaint on behalf of the worker must have in its possession a letter from the worker requesting them so to act.

3. **ACTION BY DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT.** All complaints or grievances of workers or workers' groups, committees or organizations having to do with labor relations or the welfare of workers which reach the District Office shall be submitted to the Division of Employment, Department of Adjustments. The Division of Employment shall render prompt decision on all complaints or grievances which fall within the jurisdiction of the Division and shall immediately authorize appropriate adjustment. In case of complaints or grievances relating to matters within the jurisdiction of any other division, the Supervisor of the Division of Employment shall confer with the Supervisor of the other division concerned regarding the proper decision or adjustment to be made. If the supervisors of the two divisions are unable to reach an agreement the matter shall be presented to the District Director for decision.

4. **TIME PERMITTED FOR DECISION.** The Division of Employment, Department of Adjustments, shall render decisions on all complaints or grievances as promptly as possible, and in any case not later than three days after receipt of the complaint or grievance.

5. **APPEAL TO DISTRICT DIRECTOR.** Any complaints or grievances of a worker or committee which have not been adjusted to their satisfaction within three working days after their submission to the Division of Employment may be presented to the District Director with a request for a hearing. The District Director shall hold available for the hearing of complaints and grievances a designated half day each week. All appeals to the District Director must be submitted in writing at least one work day in advance of the time designated by the District Director for the weekly hearing of complaints and grievances.

6. **HEARING BY DISTRICT DIRECTOR.** Prior to the hearing of any complaint or grievance, the District shall obtain from the Supervisor of the Division of Employment a written statement presenting all the facts available to the Division of Employment and the original decision rendered and action taken. The complaining worker or committee shall have full opportunity to present the complaint or grievance to the District Director at the time fixed for the hearing and to submit evidence necessary to permit a comprehensive and just determination of the question under consideration. The complaining worker may appear individually or in company with not more than two other persons of his own choosing, or may be represented before the District Director by a committee consisting of not more than three persons selected by himself or selected by such workers' organizations as he may wish to designate. The decision of the District Director shall be transmitted in writing to the complaining work day from the date of the worker or committee within one hearing.

7. **APPEAL FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S DECISION.** Paragraph 2, Section 7, Chapter XV, Handbook of Procedures Letter No. 26 covers the matter of appeals in the following words:

"Workers at all times have the right of appeal from the decision of District WPA officials to State WPA officials, and from State WPA officials to the Works Progress Administration at Washington and the Labor Policies Board; and it is not necessary to engage counsel for such appeals nor to incur any expense for their presentation. In presenting all cases, names and locations of all WPA officials concerned are to be stated. The Labor Policies Board may, upon study of the file of any case submitted to it for review, decline to grant a hearing in the case and shall accordingly notify all parties concerned."

Official:  
Frank Y. McLaughlin  
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**LABOR RELATIONS**  
**ADJUSTING GRIEVANCES.**

Any project worker of the Works Progress Administration, group of workers, the Workers' Alliance of California or any other organization of workers has a right to present grievances or complaints to project foremen or project supervisors, and if the complaint or grievance is not adjusted to their satisfaction they may present it to the Employment Division, Department of Adjustments, as described in Executive Order No. 109, entitled "Procedure for Handling Complaints or Grievances of Workers," issued November 6, 1936.

2. **LABOR RELATIONS.** Chapter XV, Handbook of Procedures Letter No. 26 of the Federal Works Progress Administration, issued September 22, 1936, and signed by Harry L. Hopkins, Administrator, entitled "Labor Relations," in part reads as follows:

"Section 2. Right to Organize. Workers have the right to organize and select representatives of their own choice for the purpose of adjusting grievances with the Works Progress Administration, and shall not be required to limit their choice of representative to persons engaged on the Works Program. The use of espionage, 'blacklists' or any other methods which may serve to discriminate against individual workers or groups is prohibited. No entry such as 'agitator' or any other expression which may be made on any worker's record or discharge slip."

"Section 3. Discrimination. Workers who are qualified by training and experience to be assigned to work projects shall not be discriminated against for any other reason."

3. **WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES.** Any workers' organization may designate a project worker or committee, not to exceed three members, to act as organizers and to represent workers for the purpose of adjusting grievances on a project, but the organization work and activities of such worker or committee shall not consume any part of the actual working time of the project and shall be confined to noon hour or periods before the commencement or after the termination of project operation. A workers' representative is commonly known in the trade union movement as a "job steward."

4. **ORGANIZATIONAL NOTICES.** Any organization of workers shall have the right to post on project bulletin boards any notices concerning their organizational activities after such notices have received the approval of the District Director.

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## GOT LABOR AID



**SUCCESSOR** late Marion Zincheck, to Congress, Warren G. Magnusson of Seattle, Washington was elected as Washington Commonwealth Federation endorsee, with labor support. Big sentiment exists in Commonwealth Federation for a Farmer-Labor Party.

## Pre-War Policy on Arms Repeated in Aircraft Sales

The armament ring is at it again. Barely a year ago the Nye Senatorial Investigation exposed for all to see the criminal activities of the industries producing munitions for war during 1916, 1917 and 1918. This time the spotlight is on the aircraft industry, but it's the same old story of armament orders for foreign governments.

It works like this. Last year, old Tom Lamont explained the war-time munitions boom to the Nye committee in simple enough terms. We didn't enter the war because munition magnates wanted us to, or because his banking firm feared that an Allied defeat would wipe out the huge loans it had made to the British and French governments.

"To End War"

Our going to war was primarily a matter of protecting human rights, of defending democracy, according to the Morgan partner. To be sure, Mr. Lamont admitted that there was a commercial factor. But, he asked, what else could have happened? War orders from Europe had stimulated a boom here. If we had stayed out of the war, the boom would have collapsed. By going to war, the volume of orders was increased, and so the boom was preserved.

And it's starting up again in the familiar, plausible way. There's nothing insidious about aircraft orders. Most of the British orders are for commercial planes. But the prosperity of this basic industry is daily becoming more dependent on these orders. Europe might easily pass from war preparations to war. And in the natural course of events, the aircraft industry would have to pass from commercial orders to military orders, or else see an important market disappear. Of course there's no plot, but at the present rate we'll be seeing Mr. Lamont and his partners trekking down to Washington almost any year now to tell the senate that they weren't responsible for the next war.

**British Orders**  
Chief stimulus to the export boom is being provided by the British government. The British government is preparing to order 700 fighting planes from American manufacturers; 300 have already been ordered from Boeings Vancouver plant; Martin and Douglas are next in line.

Not even the present big military program requires so many fighting planes for U.S. purposes. What will happen once the companies involved gear up their plants to produce at this rate? Either they will demand that our government buy their bombers, or they will want to continue selling abroad. Last time the British government worked the same trick with the rifle companies. They fear that we're onto that gag, so now they're using the aircraft industry.

From a different angle, a subsidized British line, British Airways, Ltd., is approaching the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. for a number of commercial planes. Pratt and Whitney aero-engines are already widely used in England. Douglas

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## SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

**THE RUBAIYAT OF FUTURE STRUGGLE**  
(Apologies to Edward Fitzgerald and Omar Khayyam.)  
SECOND INSTALMENT

"How sweet is private property!"—think some.  
Others—"How blest prosperity to come!"  
Ah, take the facts in hand and waive the rest;  
Poor helpless children roam the city slum.

Look to the wealth that looms about us. Lo!  
Man sits amidst great plenty mired in woe,  
Cursing his great misfortune and his thirst  
While at his feet abundant waters flow.

The world of peace men set their hearts upon  
Thurs mad for lust of profit; and anon,  
Prosperity, like some strange hurried guest,  
Stays with us for an hour—and is gone.

And those who tilled and harvested the grain,  
And those who fashioned wealth with hand and brain,  
Alike, back into poverty are flung  
To rise from their own ashes once again.

Think, in this land where plenty blooms for all,  
How labor pours forth riches. Then recall  
How crisis after crisis came and went,  
And all the dreams we cherished had to fall.

They say the banker and the broker reap  
Good profits when the dead are buried deep.  
No matter which side wins, their gain is great.  
No matter which side loses, widows weep.

I sometimes think that never flows so red,  
Man's blood as when a price is on his head;  
That every dollar claimed by millionaires,  
Has cost the life of some brave youth now dead.

And thus our blood in endless torrent pours  
Down all the futile sewers of their wars;  
And all we build patiently with sweat,  
Goes down when that great bloody torrent roars.

Come, let us face the future unafraid,  
Not march to death like puppets on parade.  
If strife must be, let labor face its foe  
Across its own embattled barricade.

Lo! Some we loved—the bravest and the best,  
Laid down their lives to free the earth's oppressed.  
Until that long sought victory is won,  
No mind will find its peace—no body rest.

Too many ponder complicated themes  
And weigh the worth of vast, evasive schemes,  
Lose sight of common sense, elude the facts,  
And veil the strong reality with dreams.

Ah, make the most of what we can perform  
Between the warning signal and the storm;  
That crops of hope may not be trampled under  
By life-confounded hordes in uniform.

(Continued Next Issue.)

## \$20,000 FOR LABOR PRISONERS I.L.D. Annual Christmas Campaign

With a national goal of \$20,000 the International Labor Defense has begun its annual Christmas drive of the Prisoners' Relief Fund.

In addition to soliciting direct contributions for this fund, branches of the I.L.D. are selling pins, stamps and coupon books to raise the fund. The Northern California district has accepted a quota of \$1000.

The drive began November 3 and is scheduled to raise the entire amount in ten weeks.

**Aid to Families**  
In a statement from the national office of the I.L.D., Rose Baron national prison relief director, said:

"Our aim is to organize the working-class solidarity of the United States, during the holiday season, so that seventy-seven long-term labor and political prisoners and their families will be provided with comforts in jail, the necessities of life outside; so that winter clothing, and good food will be given to the surviving families of class-war martyrs; so that every labor and political prisoner who is incarcerated at any time during the winter, throughout the country, will receive special aid."

"During the first ten months of this year, labor and political arrests have mounted to the unprecedented total of 18,000 throughout the country, rising 1000 overnight, others for a few days, others for months and years. In every case a serious hardship was worked upon their family—or in some cases the mother, daughter, son—was removed, and the family existence unbalanced."

"We can look forward to an even greater wave of arrests during the winter months. It is our aim that every prisoner shall be provided with tobacco and other comforts to lessen the hardships of jail; that something shall be done for every family temporarily bereaved by a labor or political arrest."

**A Responsibility**  
"They have given, are giving their freedom in the cause of progress. It is the task of the working-class, of all the forces of progress, to give them support. The International Labor Defense undertakes the task of organizing and mobilizing this support. We look for the support in this work of all trade-unions, all progressive people, all those who feel in any way their solidarity with those behind the bars."

"Hundreds of thousands of

**SOCIALIST LOSSES**  
**CHICAGO**—Socialist Party headquarters report that the party lost five seats in the Connecticut legislature and two in Pennsylvania in the recent elections. 11 were elected in Wisconsin, as Progressives.



## MADRID WILL NOT FALL TO THE FASCISTS

Spain Delegation is Confident; Praises "La Pasionaria"

By John Broman

SAN FRANCISCO—"We have said all along Madrid will not fall!"

This was the comment of Isabel de Palencia, world renowned artist and writer and newly appointed Minister to Sweden, on the late favorable reports on the heroic defense of the capital of Spain against the Fascist army.

Senora de Palencia is a member of an unofficial delegation from the Spanish Popular Front government to the U. S., along with Marcelino Domingo, president of the Left Republican Party of Spain, and Father Luis Sarasola, Catholic historian and theologian.

"Many of our people must have fallen," said Senora de Palencia, sorrowfully but proudly, also.

"It's marvelous—wonder as they are—how they have stood this," Upton Sinclair, Albert Rhys Williams, writer and Mrs. Kate Crane Gartz, famed liberal, came to the delegation's hotel to pay their respects to the representatives of the Spanish people.

"Like Leningrad"

Sinclair commented on the successful defense of Madrid that it was "just like Leningrad," referring to the Soviet people's successful defense of that city against the foreign interventionists in 1918.

The Spanish delegation expressed themselves as very pleased with the efforts of the Soviet Union to break the "non-intervention" pact, which is in effect a blockade against the legal government of Spain.

Asked what he thought of Blum's position on "non-intervention," Domingo said the French Socialist Premier was mistaken in his position.

The delegation praised Mexico highly for its aid in sending arms to Spain.

Praises "La Pasionaria"

Asked what she thought of Dolores Ibaruri "La Pasionaria," member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Spain, Senora Palencia said:

"Wonderful—simply wonderful. Wonderful to look at in her simplicity, wonderful in her conduct. I worked with her many months in Madrid in the care of the homeless children."

A Chronicle reporter wanted to know about socialization of industries in Spain by the government.

Industry in Spain

"The Spanish Constitution is very broad, it allows socialization of property," said Domingo. "The Popular Front might not be able to do it, however, for the government alone cannot do it. It requires a two-thirds vote of Parliament. Socialization of many industries is necessary because these industries have been abandoned."

Some American firms have been taken over by the government, he said, but only temporarily and will be returned in all probability, unless the factories are abandoned.

Senora de Palencia said 47 deputies to the Spanish Cortes had been murdered by the Fascists, by the time she left Spain, including 35 Socialist deputies and several Communist deputies.

Catholic Question

Father Sarasola told of the many priests and leading Catholics who are fighting on the side of the government against Fascism, including Ossorio, Gallardo and Irujo, the latter a Basque who is a member of the Popular Front cabinet.

"Father Sarasola feels that his presence on this delegation speaks for itself, as to the Catholic issue in Spain," said Senora de Palencia.

Father Sarasola Domingo does not speak English.

Senora de Palencia expressed great interest in the progress of the maritime strike on the Pacific Coast.

Japanese Aggression In North China Gets Strong Setback

PEIPING, China—Japanese aggression in North China received a setback in Suiyuan province, when anti-Japanese partisans repulsed an attack of 30,000 Manchukuan troops on November 11th.

The Japanese-led Manchukuan had attempted to penetrate with fighting planes, tanks and armored cars. At Taolin, two Japanese warplanes were forced down.

The maneuver by Japan is an attempt to extend the Manchukuan boundaries westward.

## THEY SPEAK FOR SPANISH PEOPLE



THIS DELEGATION sent by the Spanish people spoke in Oakland last Friday, in San Francisco last Sunday and in Los Angeles Tuesday. They are in this country to give the American people the true facts of the fight against Fascism in Spain. Left to right: Isobel de Palencia, Spanish delegate to League of Nations, Luis Sarasola, Catholic Priest, and Marcelino Domingo, president of the Left Republican Party of Spain.

## Report Further Spain Donations

SAN FRANCISCO—Further donations to the cause of Spanish democracy, which will be forwarded to the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy in New York City, were reported by the Communist Party of California, as follows:

Previously acknowledged, \$11,106.88; A Friend, 50 cents; Lucille Nicolai, \$1; G. Swaley, \$1; A Friend, \$1; Benedict Sobler, \$10; T. J. Feingold, \$2; D. Bryans, \$5; Unit, 7 San Diego, \$1; Eschthorian Workers Club, \$10; Mrs. K. Lorens, \$5; Westley Jefferson, \$1; total to date, \$1148.18.

Further donations should be sent to the Communist Party, 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

## Austria and Hungary Recognize Italian Fascist "Empire"

VIENNA—In return for backing up their programs for rearmament, Austria and Hungary have agreed to do Mussolini a favor and recognize the Italian "empire" in Ethiopia, spoils of the robber war against Ethiopia of 1935-36.

This agreement is the first fruit of the world war program of the Fascist nations of Germany and Italy, and is a direct menace to the independence and peace of Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and other Balkan countries.

Previously, Hitler had alone recognized the Fascist conquest of Ethiopia.

## Food Crisis Starves German People

By HANS BEHREND

The German Fascists no longer deny that a regular food crisis has again set in. The Ministers speak of signs of shortage; the press calls upon the public to remain calm; the police indiscriminately arrest traders and housewives. And what recipe has the government for overcoming the shortage?

"Tighten your belts still further," decreed Schacht (who draws a salary of 360,000 marks a year). "Collect waste material!" demands Rarre. "Let the old geezers go on grumbling," proposed the economic specialist Nonnenbruch in an article in the "Volkischer Beobachter" of October 4th on the meat and fat crisis.

No Meat Available

By the "old geezers" Nonnenbruch means the wives of the workers and members of the middle class, who in hundreds of thousands and in millions have to hunt around every day, often in vain, for the last piece of meat, the last quarter of a pound of fat.

In Berlin there are whole districts in which not a atom of beef or mutton is obtainable, while dripping and cheap margarine is obtainable only in small portions. Long queues of women, the "old geezers" as Nonnenbruch contemptuously calls them, are again to be seen outside the shops and in markets.

In the Cologne district, butchers close their shops three days a week, or open them only in the morning. They have nothing to sell. On queue up outside the shops at 5 a.m., and consider themselves lucky if, after waiting four hours, they manage to obtain a small piece of frozen meat.

No Parades

In upper Silesia there were regular demonstrations recently, when only empty stalls stood in the weekly markets in Gliwitz and Hindenburg. "We don't want parades, we want something to eat!" shouted the women as they marched protest-

ing through the streets, until the police, by means of baton charges and wholesale arrests, taught the "old geezers" that in the Third Reich one must suffer hunger in silence.

In the Erfurt district of Thuringia, within five days not less than 1100 "illicit buyers" of food were discovered and punished. That is to say, in a fairly small provincial town 1100 people found themselves compelled to go to the peasants direct in order to get the most necessary articles of food.

Prices Soar; People Starve

The shortage has caused prices to soar, a fact which Hitler brazenly denied at the Nuremberg Party Congress. The price of veal, which before Hitler came to power was 60 pfennigs a pound, had increased by the middle of August to 1.10 marks and today cost 1.40 marks a pound. Leberwurst, a variety of sausage which eight weeks ago cost 1.20 marks a pound, today cost 1.40 marks. Before Hitler came to power eggs cost 7 to 9 pfennigs each; today cost 16-18 pfennigs each. In 1930 good quality beef was 90 pfennigs a pound; in July the people in Berlin had to pay 1.20 marks and now, in mid-October, 1.60 to 1.80 marks per pound.

On October 5th the Bavarian government office for examining prices announced that in the last few days they sought in many places to combat the increase in prices by forcibly closing the shops of offenders.

Old Army Game

It is obvious the Fascist leaders are resorting to their old dodge of paying off the suffering classes against each other. The shopkeeper is made scapegoat for the sins of the Fascist government; responsibility for high prices is shifted from the customs and armament policy to the butcher and grocer.

A Berlin shopkeeper reports his profits had decreased from 35 percent before Hitler to 7 percent at the present time.

What is the cause of the new food crisis? Germany is dependent on imports for vegetables

## EXPOSE ANTI-SOVIET LIES BY FASCISTS

Italy Pipes Tune for Hitler, Declares Soviet Delegate

LONDON—While Dino Grandi, Italian Ambassador to England, ranted about "bolshhevism in Europe," the international non-intervention committee on the Spanish civil war completely rejected all of Mussolini's charges against the Soviet Union of giving arms to the Spanish Popular Front government.

Grandi's frothing outburst drew a sharp comment from M. Kagan, Soviet Union representative.

"He (Grandi) throws himself into the fray with a whoop reminiscent of the redskins' battle-cry in those tales which no doubt all of us read when we were young."

Hitler Stooze

"If today we have to listen to the Italian representative piping a tune which Berlin has composed, then, though we may congratulate Berlin on 'victory,' we must condole with Rome on yielding her independence of approach in international matters, on surrendering her former sane attitude to the U.S.S.R. at the clamor of Berlin."

"No amount of propaganda speeches for General Franco (Spanish Fascist leader) can hide the crying fact that Italy stands unmasked before the whole world as an aggressor and arch-violator of international treaties."

The committee earlier had approved a plan to send observers to the principal Spanish ports to check on violations of the "non-intervention" pact.

The U.S.S.R. has repeatedly exposed the aid of arms, munitions and finances being furnished the Spanish Fascists by Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany, via Fascist Portugal.

## Recognition of Spain Fascists Meets Big Protest in Mexico

MEXICO CITY—A mass demonstration in front of the Guatemalan Embassy and the Salvadorean Legation here, followed recognition by Guatemala of the Fascist "rule" in Spain. The Salvadorean government extended similar recognition of the Spanish Fascists a few days before.

Five protesting students—including four Salvadoreans and one Cuban—were arrested during the demonstration against recognizing the Fascists.

## WALL STREET HAS FINGER IN 'PEACE' MOVE

Cordell Hull Seeks Trade Advantage Over British

BUENOS AIRES—Secretary of State Cordell Hull, of the United States, is on his way here with a "peace, friendship and good neighbor" policy for the 21-power Pan-American Conference, scheduled to start here December 1st.

But real impetus behind his visit, and possibly a visit from President Roosevelt, is that American big business is worried over the licking it has been taking from British competitors, who have been getting most of the trade, particularly in Argentine and Uruguay.

The Hull (and Roosevelt) line here is expected to be: "We peaceful Americans of the western hemisphere must stick together against those war-like Europeans, to do business among ourselves."

Morgan Arranges Bail

The Morgan banking interests are even now arranging a \$29,000,000 Argentine loan to use as bait for the important Argentine market. And in London, Dr. Saavedra Lamas, Argentine foreign minister, is now conferring with the British on trade agreements.

For this reason, the emphasis is placed, when conference aims are spoken of, not only on a common peace policy, but on "paving the way for a freer flow of commerce among the Americas."

Profits for Wall Street

What this means is less gravy for British imperialists and more for U. S. imperialists, if the deal goes through at the Pan-American Conference.

However, popular pressure from all countries involved is expected to have a big effect on making the main business of the conference the conclusion of mutual guarantees for peace, in cooperation with the League of Nations, Soviet Union and all forces for peace.

The abolition of the infamous Monroe Doctrine is likewise expected to be a central point on the conference agenda, under pressure from anti-imperialists in the Americas.

## IN NAZI DUNGEON

NEW YORK Mrs. Olga Prestes, wife of the jailed Brazilian Communist leader, and Mrs. Elise Ewart, wife of the German Communist leader, have been placed in a Nazi prison in Berlin. Brazil Fascists deported them to Germany.

## Hail Leader Of French C. P. On 50th Birthday

MOSCOW—To Andre Marty, outstanding French Communist Party leader, on his 50th birthday recently went the following greetings by the secretariat of the Communist International:

"Dear Comrade Andre Marty:

"On your 50th birthday, your 50th year of a noble life as a faithful revolutionary and firm fighter for the cause of the world revolution, we send you fighting fraternal greetings.

Defended U.S.S.R.

"On the day when the land of Socialism, the proletarians and the working people of the whole world are greeting the 19th anniversary of the great proletarian revolution, when hearts and mind turn with eagerness and with hope toward the heroic struggle of the Spanish people against Fascism, your struggle in the unforgettable days of 1918 and 1919 in defense of the young, still immature power of the Soviets stands out with special brilliancy as a splendid example of proletarian solidarity.

"You stood at the head of the best sons of the French people who rebelled boldly against the order of the imperialist interventionists to bombard Odessa. From prison, where you were thrown by the reactionary sections of the French bourgeoisie, you raised your voice in protest and indignation against attempts of fresh intervention by imperialists who were striving to strangle the country of the Soviets.

"The prison chain gang was unable to break your revolutionary determination in the fight of the foremost ranks of the French proletariat.

Great French Party

"In you we greet the splendid Communist Party of France, we greet its leadership which on the basis of the decisions of the 7th Congress of the Communist International succeeded in developing a wide united front struggle against Fascism, imperialism and war for peace, bread, liberty and international proletarian solidarity.

TO FASCIST KILLERS

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I.L.D. MEETING

SAN FRANCISCO—The Monthly Patterson Branch of the International Defense will meet at 632 Fillmore Street next Wednesday, November 18th, 8 p.m.

arian solidarity.

"Dear Comrade Marty, as a son of the Communards, you embody the spirit of the Paris Commune in your life struggle. Coming from the midst of the working people of France, you personify the best traditions of the French working class.

"As a disciple of Lenin and Stalin, you have grown up politically, fanned by the great proletarian revolution. Together with the Central Committee of the French Communist Party, you have widened and strengthened in indissoluble links with the working masses of France.

Unshakable Leader

"You will stand unshakably for many years in the first ranks of the fighters for the cause of the working class and for the triumph of the world proletarian revolution.

"On your 50th birthday, you are filled with the same courage and enthusiasm as in your youthful years. Dear friend and comrade, we wish you great health and strength for your further fruitful work and struggle."

The greeting was signed by Dimitroff, Ercoli, Manuilsky, Pieck, Kuusinen, Gottwald, Moskvinn Florin, Wan Ming, Guyot, Kolarov, Okano, Bronkovsky, Kunsin, Lozovsky, Michal and Tuominen.

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Thanksgiving Party, Nov. 25th, 7 p. m. (date changed from Nov. 21st, because of C. S. Dance), Hamilton Hall, Geary and Steiner Sts. Turkey Dinner, 25c. Adm. 15c. Dance, Waffle Iron Raffle, Games.

American Friend of the Soviet Union, 5th Vietcherinka, Sat., Nov. 21st, 8 p. m., California Club, 1750 Clay St. Admission 25c. Door prizes.

RESERVE NEW YEAR'S EVE. Gay celebration and dance, 121 Haight Street. Auspices Western Worker and S. F. County Committee, C. P.

All friends of labor and political prisoners are urged to keep this date open: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19—8 p. m. When the 8th Annual I.L.D. Xmas Prisoners' Relief and Defense Dance will be held at 1254 Market Street. Watch for further announcements.

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### Oakland

Wanted Donations, Office Furniture, Desk, Tables, Chairs, Filing Cabinet, also Divan for Alameda County Committee C. P. Headquarters, 491 10th St., Oakland, Calif.

## ANTI-JAPANESE MOVEMENT IS STRENGTHENING

Heroine of Chinese Student Groups Seeks Aid

NEW YORK—Heroine of the Chinese student movement, Miss Loh-Tsei, 22, representing the All-China Student Union, arrived here last week, enroute for the Pacific Coast and China, accompanied by Professor Tao Heng Chih, delegate of the All-China Union of National Liberation Associations, and Chinese delegate to the recent World Peace Congress at Brussels.

People's Movement Strong

Both plan to address meetings during their several weeks' stay in the U. S.

"The people's movement in China is very strong," declared Miss Loh. "We are ready for a national defense war against Japan. Although the organizations of students and progressives are not strong enough yet to force General Chiang Kai-shek to act today, we feel sure that their strength will be felt when the time comes."

Seek Support

"During our visit to the United States, we plan to meet overseas Chinese students and American sympathizers with China's struggle for freedom."

"China's fight is of vital importance to world peace. Only a strong independent China can guarantee peace in the Far East and end Japanese imperialist war plans."

"Only a united armed China can halt Japan. The Chinese people are ready to defend Chinese liberty."

Miss Loh is 22 years old. A year ago she led a huge students' demonstration in Peiping protesting imperialist Japan's invasion of China, in defiance of a police ban and forcing the authorities to allow a parade which inspired thousands of workers to stand firm against Japanese aggression.

## Los Angeles

Masquerade Ball Sat., Nov. 28, 8 p. m., Music Arts Hall, 233 S. Broadway. Valuable Prizes, Union orchestra. Admission 35c. Auspices I.L.D.

International Students Costume Ball Sat., Nov. 21, 8 p. m. Dance Studio, 1105 N. Serrano at Santa Monica, Hollywood. Adm. 35c. Ausp. Int'l. Students Committee.

Keep this date open! Thursday, Dec. 24—3d Annual Christmas Eve party. Cultural Center, 230 S. Spring St. Ausp. Workers School.

RESERVE DATE, DEC. 6. CONCERT Benefit I.L.D. Ball Fund. Beaux Arts Theatre, 8th and Beacon.

Keep date open for W. W. Annual Concert, Sunday, Nov. 22, T. V. G. Hall, 936 W. Washington Ave. Auspices Workers Press Conference.

Workers forum, 230 S. Spring St., L. A. Every Sunday night, 8 p. m. Admission ten cents.

CULTURAL CENTER CAFE NOW OPEN. 230 SO. SPRING STREET.



## TEAMSTERS & ALLIANCE WIN WPA STRIKE

### Fired W.P.A. Worker Reinstated by Solidarity

OAKLAND—Some time ago the local W.P.A. administrator made an agreement with the Teamsters Union that no truck drivers would be hired until they secured a clearance from the Teamsters hiring hall.

This week the W.P.A. violated this agreement and the result was that about ninety truck drivers were called out on strike. Immediately a picket line was thrown around the W.P.A. warehouse and not a single worker made any effort to go through, with the result that the warehouse was closed tight.

The Workers Alliance joined the picket line and all the W.P.A. workers on the project that were not already union men were signed up.

**Tricked Union Man**  
In the meantime a foreman on one of the curb and gutter projects took a Workers Alliance member in his car to the warehouse and before this worker knew what was happening he found himself inside the picket line and the boss was ordering him to load a scab truck. He refused and was thereupon fired.

The next morning he went with a local grievance committee to the W.P.A. office. They called upon Mr. Burr in charge of employment and were told that "You refused to work, and there is nothing that can be done about it."

**Grievance Committee**  
The matter was immediately reported to the office of the County Council and a Council grievance committee returned to Burr's office at once.

The committee was told that they were probably not familiar with the circumstances of the case concerning the Teamsters Union. The committee chairman replied: "We probably are not fully informed as to the circumstances of the grievance but the only thing that concerns us now is that the Teamsters' Union is on strike and there is a picket line out there."

The Workers Alliance is not going through any picket line, and what is more, if the Teamsters put a picket line out at any other project we will pull every worker off that project."

**"All a Mistake"**  
Burr got nervous and said that he had at first misunderstood the circumstances. The final result was that the worker was ordered right back to the same project, the dismissal form "403" was killed in the office and it was ordered that he was to lose no time.

In the meantime a conference between the Teamsters and the W.P.A. was getting under way in the conference room and Burr was called in. About half an hour later he emerged with the news that the strike had been settled to the satisfaction of the Teamsters. The committee was still waiting for him on another matter and the phone rang. It was the superintendent who had fired our W. A. member. After several short answers Burr said: "You forced that man to go through a picket line. Put him back to work at once, and be sure you leave him there."

### Pay-off On Drunk Driving Case In L.A. Is Hinted

LOS ANGELES—Implying that graft may have been the chief factor, Walter Mitchell, member of the State Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, placed before the Police Commission here Monday a complaint charging police officers with failure to arrest and imprison a drunken driver delivered into their custody.

Mitchell said that he pulled a drunken driver out of an automobile, after the drunk side-swiped two other cars and almost ran into a street-car, and called a police car to pick up the man.

He later learned no charges had been placed against the man.

### Canada Cops Frame Fur Workers Out on Strike in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, Canada—Five striking fur workers have been sentenced to two months' imprisonment each following conviction of "assault" in city police court. The defendants will appeal. President Pietro Lucchi of the International Fur Workers Union has arrived in Winnipeg on strike business.

## Labor-Splitting Racket Exposed By Tunnel Strike

By a Worker Correspondent.  
OAKLAND—Culminating a long jurisdictional fight, more than 500 men struck at the Broadway Low Level Tunnel here Thursday.

This job is under contract by the notorious Six Companies and has been the scene of a number of fatal cave-ins, labor troubles and lawsuits. Shortly after the opening of the job the men were organized into the Tunnel, Aqueduct and Subway Workers Union, an affiliate of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

About 750 men were thus organized when other craft unions began to make jurisdictional claims. In order to maintain harmony in the labor movement in the East Bay, about 250 men were released to these unions. However the reactionary leadership here was determined to destroy this progressive union.

**Jurisdictional Claim**  
The leadership of the United Laborers Union, affiliated to the Building Trades Council, claimed jurisdiction over all the other 500 members of this union, who are essentially miners.

The leadership of the "United" Laborers retains a stranglehold on the union by racketeer methods of selling jobs to the membership. At the time that these labor racketeers thought that they were going to force the miners to come into the Laborers Union they boosted the initiation fee from \$10 to \$17.50.

**A "Deal" With Employers**  
When a highway tunnel job was opened up in Marin County, the Miners' Union again organized it and had secured a verbal agreement from the contractor to pay \$1.10 per hour. Again these gentry of the Laborers' Union claimed jurisdiction and secured a written agreement from the contractor to take their men at 75c per hour when the miners had already secured \$1.10 for the same work.

**Refused Transfers**  
They organized a local in Marin County near the job but when the job was finished and the men wanted to transfer to the San Francisco or Oakland Locals they were told: "Oh no. You just joined the union to get the job and your initiation fee paid for the privilege of working there. If you want to join here you will have to pay another initiation fee and join all over again."

**A Showdown**  
Until recently the Broadway Low Level Tunnel has been shut down due to several cave-ins, which resulted in a big lawsuit. The reactionary labor leaders of the East Bay led by City Councilman Quinn, have been maneuvering in behalf of the United Laborers' Union, getting the contractor to sign up with the Laborers' Union at 75c per hour for work that calls for skilled rating at \$1.10 per hour.

The miners have declared the job struck and placed a picket line there. The electricians declare they will not go through the lines and not a light will burn in that tunnel until the miners' demands are met. The I.L.A. has agreed to strengthen the picket lines and other unions including the Workers' Alliance will be on the picket line with the miners.

### Douglas Aircraft "Loves" Its Workers

LOS ANGELES—Further evidence in contradiction to Douglas Aircraft Company's often avowed recognition of workers' rights and needs was shown in the company's recent refusal to grant to its employees a week's vacation with pay, which had been offered to them by the government at the government's expense. The excuse of the company's officials was that "it would disrupt the policies and routine of the factory."

### Pedro Labor Council To Broadcast on Maritime Strike

SAN PEDRO.—The Central Labor Council of San Pedro announced this week that it will broadcast progress of the Maritime Strike over radio station KGER at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and over KRKD at 8:00 Thursdays for the duration of the strike.

### Vallejo Council To Hear Lecture on Supreme Court

VALLEJO.—"Labor and the Supreme Court" will be the subject of a lecture by Dr. Ray Studd, before the Vallejo Central Labor Council, to be given on November 20. The Council invited Dr. Studd to lecture on this topic.

### False Statement By Eureka Mayor

SAN FRANCISCO—Mayor Frank R. Sweasey, of Eureka, apparently doesn't mind signing his name to false statements. In a letter to Anita Whitney, state chairman of the Communist Party, Sweasey denied that either the Eureka police department or C.P. representatives in the Northern California action to prevent Vernon D. Healy, Communist candidate, from speaking over the radio.

"It is true that something happened to prevent his (Healy's) address which we afterwards learned was caused by the fact that the electric wires leading from the station at the Vance Hotel to the broadcasting towers at the edge of our city limits, a distance of over one-half mile, had been cut, wrote Sweasey."

"Nothing of this kind had been anticipated by our Police Department or by the representatives of your Communist Party here and we have found absolutely no evidence pointing to the party or parties who may have done the same."

Communist representatives did warn the Eureka police of the danger of vigilante action.

### L.A. "Prosperity" Is Exposed

LOS ANGELES—That increasing relief loads and, in particular, a 20 per cent increase in the milk and lunch load for needy children, offer conclusive proof against general reports of prosperity in Los Angeles and vicinity, was developed in information brought before the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors by the Charities Department last week.

Representing the Charities Department, R. C. Hutton appeared with Paul Brown of the Bureau of Budget and Research, to request necessary budget adjustments.

"I think the Charities Department ought to be criticized for its failure to prepare a reliable budget for two years in a row," said Supervisor John Anson Ford.

"We planned a staff of 2154 when 2319 is needed to visit and handle the added cases," countered Hutton.

"You missed the milk and lunch load by 20 per cent," retorted Ford.

### Phoney 'Red-Baiting' In Riverside County Electioneering

RIVERSIDE—Fake circulars purporting that the Communist Party endorsed John Phillips Republican candidate for State Senate, were circulated here before the November 3rd election, signed "Patriotic Republican."

The Riverside Daily Press immediately came out in defense of Phillips as an "ardent foe of radicals," and added the ridiculous charge that Communists mailed the circulars.

Phillips is known as anti-labor and ultra-reactionary.

### Hearst Takes Court Beating On Issue Of Telegrams

WASHINGTON—William Randolph Hearst took a licking in the U. S. District Court of Appeals here, when it denied an injunction sought by the Fascist publisher against the Senate Lobby Investigating Committee's retention and use of Hearst telegrams taken from telegraph companies.

The court did object to the Federal Communications Commission's action in copying the telegrams and furnishing them to the Senate committee, terming it illegal. What the committee did after receiving them, however, was not a matter for the courts, the opinion said.

### AID FOR PRISONERS

NEW YORK—The Prisoners Relief Fund of the International Labor Defense has opened the \$20,000 Christmas drive for political prisoners and their families.

## SHIPOWNERS NOT SEEKING SETTLEMENT

### Looking for an Issue On Which to Attack

SEATTLE.—The Joint Strike Committee granted a 48-hour "truce" to clear cargo piled upon the docks. However, they specifically pointed out that only cargo on the docks would be moved, and that struck ships would not be worked.

The shipowners appear indifferent whether any cargo is worked or not but raise the question of perishable cargo as an excuse to attack the maritime unions.

The quiet that prevails on the waterfront appears to the average person as if both the shipowners and maritime workers are on strike. There is a feeling prevailing among strikers that the shipowners are trying to "starve them out."

Since negotiations have not been started, it serves to verify this feeling of the strikers. Many seamen believe that the shipowners are busy working with the Administration to revive the old U.S. Shipping Board, thus putting the merchant marine under control of the government with shipowners as partners.

Undoubtedly the shipowners are trying to maneuver the maritime unions into a position of "fighting the government." Not one scab has been found in Seattle to date, although "Tanker Smith" notorious gunman is operating in this section of the country for the Washington Industrial Council.

Distribution of a statement by District No. 12 of the Communist Party was received favorably by maritime workers.

### "Buck Passing" On Vigilantism

LOS ANGELES—Renewing his demand that vigilantes who prevented Charles McLaughlin, Communist Congressional candidate, from speaking over a San Bernardino radio station, be investigated, Clinton J. Taft, American Civil Liberties Union attorney, last week accused Assistant Attorney William Fleet Palmer of "passing the buck."

Taft's rebuke answered a letter received from Palmer stating that he had referred the case to U. S. Attorney General Cummings in Washington.

"I must confess," Taft wrote to Palmer, "that I don't quite understand your procedure in referring this case to the Attorney General. It looks to me as though the local United States District Attorney's office were trying to pass the buck. Here is about as clear a case of vigilantism in Southern California as we have ever had."

And, from San Bernardino, E. L. Byers, merchant, assertedly issued a written statement admitting that he was a member of the vigilante gang, and saying further: "There is nothing futuristic about our action. Our identities are known."

### Forgotten Party

By a Worker Correspondent

If Colonials, dressed as Indians, should go dump a load of tea in a most illegal manner. History's heroes they would be.

If longshoremen gently picket And scab cargo won't unload Through the kept press' narrow wicket Capitalist hogs begin to goad

'Harbor violence-Disorder' In tall head-lines soon we'll see They've forgot the Boston party

These Longshoremen are not friendly Workers watch from everywhere Shippers' agents best be careful When they start the old 'red scare'

Each longshoreman has a cousin Every cousin has a wife And they think of Cousin so-so When they hear of harbor strife

Do shippers think the working people Are so awful, awful dumb, Not to see the rising pressure Of the grubby capitalist thumb? Sympathizers if united Can help set these shippers down

Lots of help the more the merrier And we'll do the job up brown.

—JERRY RIGGER

## WANT SOME BEAUTY IN OWN LIVES



NEW YORK beauty parlor workers are flocking into the Hairdressers Union. They have already signed up some hundred shops for better wages, shorter hours and union recognition. Leaders of Local 580-B are above shown.

### GOVT. CLERK UNION ATTACKS SILVER SHIRTS

ATASCADERO—Local 1081 of the American Federation of Government Employees here unanimously passed a resolution holding up to public view the Fascist plotting activities of the local Silver Legion.

The resolution outlines the terrorist and anti-democratic program of the Silver Legion, showing by quotations from "Pelley's Weekly" how it sponsors anti-semitism and advocates terror against trade unions. Writing quoted from Pelley included a reference to the Bill of Rights as "horse and buggy relics."

This community has been incensed against Silver Shirt plotting since the expose of the activities of that organization were exposed in the Western Worker.

### Sacramento Cops Beat Sick Youth

SACRAMENTO.—Public indignation here forced Police Chief Hallanan to start an investigation of charges made by Floyd Mansker, 21, employee and resident of a dredging boat at Bryte, Yolo County, that he had been beaten, kicked and knocked down by three local cops in a third-degree session, while he was suffering from appendicitis.

The cops were Police Sergeant Ray Pearl, who is reported to have underworld connections; Detective Ray Kunz, head of the "Red Squad" here; and Detective M. W. Lincecum.

Sacramento County Hospital records prove Mansker's charges.

**Cops Knew He Was Ill**  
Mansker said he was beaten on October 29th, after his arrest in connection with an alleged theft, even though he warned the cops he was ill with appendicitis. The jail physician finally ordered his removal to the county hospital, where an emergency operation was performed the next day.

The beating was "inhuman in the extreme," declared Dr. Victor Sharbo, of the county hospital staff.

Chief Hallanan said "if investigation reveals Mansker's story is true, I will discipline the policemen."

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## Honolulu Pickets Keep the Front Under Control

By a Worker Correspondent  
SAN FRANCISCO—A message from Jack Hall, chairman of the publicity committee of the Honolulu strikers, informs us that the boys in that port are really going to town.

Since the great strike of the Filipino plantation workers back in 1927 the sugar barons have had things pretty near their own way. They passed anti-picketing laws, deported militants, cut wages.

This time, however, the tide has turned. With more than a thousand pickets patrolling Queen Street, no ships are leaving Honolulu unless they are released by the joint strike committee.

**Using Radio**  
Jack says they are buying time on the radio every other day, getting their problems before the public. The people are responding in a big way. Donations are pouring in, it seems.

The island workers long accustomed to the abuse heaped upon them by plantation lunas and dock foremen, are eyeing the strikers closely, amazed that it can be done.

Which reminds us that there are close to two hundred island boys here on the picket lines in San Francisco. Most of them are no strangers here, however having sailed in and out for many years. Many of them were here during the '34 strike.

### Workers' Alliance To Broadcast Each Day In Southland

LOS ANGELES—Bringing the program of the Workers' Alliance to the people of Los Angeles County, the County Council of this organization will begin broadcasts over radio station K FVD every night, beginning Nov. 9 at 6 p. m.

Arranged through Max Knepper and Dr. Conliff of the End Poverty League, the Workers' Alliance program will follow the League's regular broadcast.

### ILGWU in \$500,000 Organizing Drive

WASHINGTON.—Declaring that the time is ripe for an intensive organizing campaign in the cotton garment industry, the general executive board of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, meeting here, appropriated \$500,000 and authorized its president, David Dubinsky, to hire 50 additional organizers as a start in enrolling new members.

The I.L.G.W.U. also decided to press for a constitutional amendment "which would invest Congress with adequate power to legislate for the protection and advancement of the wage earning masses throughout the country." The special committee on legislation was directed "to use all its efforts and to cooperate with all other labor organizations and various other forces to bring about the passage of such an amendment."

While the executive board of the I.L.G.W.U. was in session, members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers executive board prepared to meet here.

Sidney Hillman said that the executive board of his union will be concerned with future legislation and will attempt to work out a formula whereby labor's political gains can be consolidated. He hailed the 300,000 votes of the American Labor Party in New York state and declared that it was evidence of the growing political consciousness of America's workers.

In adopting the resolution calling for an organizing campaign, the executive board of the I.L.G.W.U. declared "it finds labor, organized as well as unorganized, ready as never before in its history to demand a greater participation and share in the returning prosperity of the nation. We believe that the unorganized workers in our own industries, especially the tens of thousands of underpaid and underprivileged in the cotton garment industry, are ready to respond to the call for organization, to demand recognition of unionism and collective bargaining, wage increases, reduction of hours, and other improved conditions of employment."

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## UNIONS STATE VIEWPOINT ON COMMISSION

### Don't Recognize its Authority on Hiring

SAN FRANCISCO—The statement which the maritime unions, through their Joint Negotiations Committee, planned to submit to the Maritime Commission representative, Admiral Hamlet, who began hearings last Monday, but which they did not submit because they left the hearings, follows: (Reasons why unions left hearing were given in last issue of Western Worker)

"In making our appearance at this hearing, we desire to have it distinctly understood that we are reserving all of our legal rights as unions and for our members, individually and collectively.

**Authority of Commission**  
"We do not recognize any authority of the Maritime Commission to dictate under what conditions any of our members must accept employment.

"We do not recognize the authority of the commission to specify under what conditions the hiring of our members shall be carried on.

"We do not recognize the authority of the Maritime Commission to act as an arbitration board and to make a decision which shall be binding on the unions, with respect to any of the matters discussed herein.

"We understand that it is within the authority of the Maritime Commission to specify certain minimum wages, manning scales and reasonable working conditions, which are binding upon those shipowners who accept a subsidy as a grant from the Maritime Commission.

**Unions' Rights**  
"We reserve in full our rights to determine by methods of collective bargaining wages, hours and conditions of employment which are acceptable to our members.

"We reserve in full the right to have the hiring of our members carried on by methods approved by our unions.

"The unions are making a special appearance at this hearing to assist the Maritime Commission in conducting its investigation and in the hope that the Maritime Commission may reach favorable recommendations upon our proposals and may thereafter provide the best standards possible in its specifications for subsidy contracts."

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# Govt., Owed \$25 Million; Could Put Screws on Pacific Shippers

## DOLLAR LINE IS BIG DEBTOR IN SHIP LOANS

**Oceanic Steamship Is Second In Amount Due Government**

WASHINGTON—How easily the U. S. Government could put pressure on the shipowners to grant the reasonable demands of the maritime unions can be seen from the fact that more than \$25,000,000 in government construction loans and ship sales notes are owed by Pacific Coast shipowners alone.

Note that the Dollar Line, which leads the shipowners in arrogance, is the government's biggest debtor. Following are the amounts owed the government by Pacific Coast shipowners:

Name of contractor	Approximate amt. outstanding with Govt. construction loans and ship sales notes
Amer. Mail Line, Ltd.	\$ 745,000
Dollar SS Lines, Inc., Ltd.	14,268,624
Gulf Pacific Mail Line, Ltd.	120,864
Oceanic & Oriental Navigation	Nothing
Oceanic Steamship Co.	8,464,500
Pacific Argentine	Nothing
Brazil Line	Nothing
States Steamship Co.	Nothing
Taoma Oriental Steamship Co.	186,665
Christenson Steamship Co.	128,295
Luckenbach Steamship Co., Inc.	541,000
Nelson Co., The Charles	140,000
Pacific Atlantic Steamship Co.	465,975
Pacific Coast Steamship Co.	33,500
Swayne & Hoyt, Ltd.	55,875
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$25,141,298</b>

## 28 Million Ship Subsidy Just "Pie"

WASHINGTON—The \$28,500,000 handed out annually to shipowners in the form of 43 mail contracts is just "pie."

That was the way W. Irving Glover, second assistant postmaster-general in 1929 described it in a conference with federal officials charged with handling the contracts for the government that year.

"You would get an awful how if you got the United Fruit into Corinto (Central America), and still leave the Grace Lines out of the West Coast, because they were very much interested," he said, "for if there is to be any PIE they want to be in on it."

Glover was conferring with A. Lane Cricker of the Department of Commerce; J. Caldwell Jenkins of the U. S. Shipping Board and the Commander court of the navy, according to stenographic minutes of the meeting.

## Milkers Strike In 2 Alameda Farms

OAKLAND—Protesting purchase of milk from farms employing non-union labor, members of the Milkmen Union walked out in two Alameda County dairy farms of the Golden State Creamery Co. The farms affected were the Pleasanton and Decoto.

A crew of union milkers on the Oakley farm in Contra Costa County also threatened to strike. The company was short 6000 gallons of milk as a result of the strike.

## And He's Still Hearst's Man

NEW YORK—Harry M. Connolly III, who until recently was executive secretary of the American League Against Communism in San Francisco, was until six months ago a salesman for the New York "American."

The "American" is a William Randolph Hearst paper. "Nuf sed!"

## Turning the Laugh on Reactionaries

NEW YORK—A sense of humor and strategy were combined here by the Seamen's Defense Committee to frustrate International Seamen's Union officials from recruiting strike-breaking crews to man struck ships.

Moving into the union hiring "il. smiling broadly at their side, several scores of men offered every available inch of

## SOLIDARITY



EAST COAST seamen, on strike in solidarity with the West Coast and for own demands, hold a strike meeting before Seamen's Defense Committee headquarters in New York.

## N. Y. STRIKERS KEEPING PEACE

**Shipowners, Grange Provoke Trouble**

NEW YORK—Who's orderly and who breaks the peace in the East Coast maritime strike? While David E. Grange, reactionary vice-president of the International Seamen's Union was arrested for threatening a picket with a gun, Joseph Curran, leader of the Seamen's Defense Committee, which called the strike, announced that to show its desire for orderly picketing, the strike committee had appointed a provost guard of 50 men, with armbands, to patrol the docks.

"A peaceful prosecution of his strike means a great deal to us," Curran said. "Our demands are legitimate and we want to help the police keep law and order and keep the waterfront peaceable."

So flagrant were the shipowners in their use of thugs that police were directed by Mayor La Guardia to keep strikebreakers with known criminal records away from the docks and out of the city.

## Mail Subsidies Held Illegally

(Maritime News Service) WASHINGTON.—Of the 43 mail contracts that pour \$28,500,000 yearly to shipping interests' treasuries, 42 are subject to cancellation because they were secured in violation of the law.

That was the charge made against the companies, many of them involved in the present East and West Coast shipping strikes, by Postmaster-General Farley in a report to President Roosevelt.

Forty of the contracts were made in defiance of the requirement calling for competitive bidding. Only one bid was submitted on each of the 40 lines. This was prearranged between the shipping concerns.

The Gulf Pacific Mail Line contract is subject to cancellation because of a false statement that no contingency fee was paid. Farley found.

Elisha Hanson, counsel for shipping interests and the American Newspaper Publishers Association paid \$25,000 fee for work in securing the contract in violation of the mail subsidy law.

Dollar Steamship's two lucrative routes can be cancelled on the grounds they were "negotiated" and not won on a bid as the law provides.

Shipping companies and federal officials who worked with them in securing the contracts were scored by the Senate Committee investigating the air and ship mail contracts.

"There was no competitive bidding," he said. "Officials and contractors combined and did prevent it."

Then they wrote on the blackboard:

"Scabs wanted for S.S. Hardship. Fink Service."

No applicants for the jobs appeared, and if they had there would not have been space for them to squeeze through the tight lines set up by the rank and file now on strike.

## "Point of Order"

(A Trade Union Column)

By Slim

### The Convention At Tampa

THE 56th ANNUAL CONVENTION of the American Federation of Labor opened on Monday. After the usual preliminaries and greetings have been cleared away, the decks will have been cleared for one paramount issue: shall there be unity in the organized labor movement or shall the 1898 trend of thought dominant in the A.F.L. Executive Council prevail, to the detriment of the 40,000,000 workers of this country.

Unlike many another A.F.L. convention, on this one the eyes not only of the three million or so A.F.L. members are focused, but the eyes of almost two score million unorganized workers.

Tens of thousands of members of company unions in steel; tens of thousands of unorganized textile workers; of auto workers look toward the 56th annual convention, for decisions throwing the full weight of the A.F.L. behind a concentrated and down-to-business drive to organize the basic industries of the United States.

Unity around a program of organization of the unorganized, on an industrial union basis, is their fervent hope.

Only the open shoppers hope for a split in the A.F.L. By granting slight wage increases in the steel industry, and sections of the oil and auto industry, they have merely attempted to avoid a show-down at present while getting set for a new and bigger drive on the standards of living, the wages, hours and conditions of the workers in the basic industries.

A split will only make easier the putting through of such a program.

The danger of such a split exists because the American Federation of Labor Executive Council has gone to every length to block a real campaign to organize the close to 40,000,000 unorganized American workers, and especially the millions in steel, automobiles, rubber, textiles, etc.

The suspension of 10 unions, affiliated with the C.I.O. was not too raw a measure for the Executive Council, ever, though it meant lopping off over a million and a quarter workers who have put up the gamut battles for organized labor since 1933.

Such Executive Council members as William Hutcheson (now resigned), who supported Landon and the Liberty League when their open shop program was open and admitted; John P. Frey, veteran of a thousand treacheries against the workers in the metal trades; Matthew Woll, who was a mainstay of the Fascist National Civic Federation until the anti-Fascist tide among the A.F.L. members made him resign; William Green himself, have engineered the splitting policy which is a delight to the U. S. Steel Corp., General Motors, Standard Oil, and the rest of the bulwark of the open shop.

Twenty-two State Federations; 70 city and county centrals; internationals not in the C.I.O., such as the Teachers, Brewery Workers, Hotel and Restaurant Workers; hundreds of locals, have hit hard in their protests against the C.I.O. suspension.

Such powerful protests forced the Executive Council to make a gesture toward unity negotiations, but it was merely a gesture, for the Executive Council has refused to regard reinstatement of the C.I.O. unions as the basis of a unity agreement.

Delegates from these bodies, and many more, are at the 56th annual convention, instructed to fight for seating of the C.I.O. delegates and reinstatement of the C.I.O. unions.

Delegates from many of these bodies are pledged, besides, to fight for unity of the organized labor movement, on the basis of a real drive with the full A.F.L. weight behind it, to organize the mass production industries.

A substantial number of delegates, led by Francis J. Gorman, vice-president of the United Textile Workers Union, will put up the strongest fight yet to swing the A.F.L. behind a Labor Party. From this convention, organized labor must, and progressive forces will fight to see that it does, march forward, to conquer the fortresses of the open shop-steel, automobile, agriculture and a host of other vital industries, for industrial unionism.

## With Organized Labor, San Jose

SAN JOSE—John Anderson, Secretary of the San Jose Central Labor Council reported that the newly organized local of the Workers' Alliance, an organization of the WPA workers, with a prospective membership of several hundred, was denied the use of a Temple hall for a mass meeting and the recruiting of new members.

The only basis for refusal by the Labor Temple Association was that in the thick heads of some of the reactionary members Relief Worker and Red are synonymous.

These reactionaries are conducting a constant search, under chairs, behind desks, and in cupboards, for some embodiment of the Red Menace.

During an hour's discussion of the organization of the unemployed, it was made glaringly obvious that the welfare of the A.F.L., in the last analysis, is in the hands of the unemployed and relief worker.

A.F.L. and Unemployed As one delegate pointed out, every member of the Workers' Alliance is pledged to join a bona fide A.F.L. union as soon as he is employed in any job over which the A.F.L. has jurisdiction. While the unemployed or relief worker is without obligation to the labor movement, he is potentially in the ranks of the strikebreaker. This, despite his earnest wish and great need to become part of the organized labor movement.

In line with the marked progress of the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council and the avowed objectives of the State Federation of Labor Convention, is the establishment of the Council Committee on Agricultural Organization, called the C.A.O.

In existence now approximately two months, the C.A.O. has

## Scab Agency In LA Tricks Veterans

LOS ANGELES—With conclusive evidence that veterans are being tricked into signing up as strike-breakers in the San Pedro maritime strike, Norman W. Gregg, investigating the "fink" halls for the International Longshoremen's Association, charged the World Wide Detective Agency and the Central Employment Bureau for Veterans with hiring guards for strike-breaking duty.

After a few perfunctory questions about guns and permits Gregg was quickly accepted by the veterans bureau located at 412 E. 10th St., Los Angeles.

Gregg states that he believes that he could have done it with his I.L.A. button on so easy is it to secure a guard's job at the "fink" wage of \$6 a day.

According to Gregg, there were about fifteen veterans present when he applied.

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## ORGANIZING



JOHN BROPHY, leader of the Committee for Industrial Organization and one of the chiefs of the drive to organize 500,000 steel workers.

## LABOR PARTY MEN ELECTED

**Big Success by New York Candidates**

NEW YORK—Two candidates for Congress, nominated by the American Labor Party, crashed through to outstanding victories. George Kelly, of Rochester, and Frank McElroy, of Syracuse, both running simultaneously on the Democratic ticket were elected.

The Kelly success, together with the election of two state senators and two assemblymen, of Rochester, all backed by the Labor Party, is regarded as an important victory.

Kelly's candidacy had first been advanced by organized labor, which helped him to win the Democratic nomination from the present incumbent after a bitterly fought primary struggle.

Two labor party candidates in Utica, each of whom also had a Democratic nomination, John Walsh as state senator and Paul Mercier as assemblyman, were swept into office also.

The greatest satisfaction was derived by the labor party officials from the election of McElroy to Congress. He had been active in the Remington-Rand strike, and although he also had the Democratic candidacy, he was particularly labor's choice. He defeated Horace Stone, who is considered by them one of organized labor's most hostile foes.

"In electing Mr. Kelly and Mr. McElroy to Congress," Mrs. Herick Elinore of the A.L.P. said, "in placing Labor Party candidates in the State Senate and the Assembly, we have made a start in translating labor's desire for independent political action into reality."

## WOMEN BIG AID IN SEA STRIKE

(Maritime News Service)

SAN FRANCISCO—A "woman's touch" is needed in a great maritime strike as much as it is in a successful home, so believe more than a thousand wives and sweethearts of International Longshoremen in this region who have swung into action to bring the drive for better work and living conditions for 39,000 men to a victorious conclusion.

I.L.A. Auxiliary No. 3, born in the midst of the 1934 strike, is the organization solidly behind the men with committees handling strike, relief, publicity, membership, sick and social matters hard at work.

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## EAST COAST MARITIME CONDITIONS

**Judge Has To Admit They Are Rotten In Hearings**

PHILADELPHIA—Summoned to Federal Court hearings, East Coast striking seamen gave details of inhuman working conditions on American ships.

Told of firemen fainting in temperatures of 150 degrees; of inedible food; of soap that burned the seamen's skin, even Judge George A. Welsh, admitted conditions were rotten.

Shipowners went to court to prove the East Coast walkout illegal.

### A Big Contract

Contrasting conditions between the two coasts, Paul Rothman, secretary of the Baltimore local, American Radio Telegraphists Association, gave the longshoremen wage and work hours as typical of the entire set-up.

He showed—conditions of East Coast:

1. Longshoremen average between \$15 and \$18 a week.
2. Thousands of I.L.A. members unemployed and on relief rolls.
3. Sling loads run between 2,500 and 5,000 lbs.
4. Eight-hour day, 44-hour week.
5. Hiring through the "slave market" system of shapung up (off the dock).

Conditions on West Coast:

1. Longshoremen average between \$35 and \$45 a week.
  2. Not a single member of the I.L.A. is unemployed or on relief.
  3. Sling loads average around 1,800 lbs.
  4. Six-hour day, 30-hour week.
  5. Hiring through the I.L.A. hall, work is equally divided.
- The above is typical of every other craft represented in the maritime industry, he declared. The East Coast condition is entirely due to the type of union leaders who have "played ball" with shipowners for years without the consent and against the wishes of the majority, union rank and filers asserted.

## Filipino Farm Labor To Meet

GUADALUPE.—At a recent meeting, the Central Executive Committee of the important Filipino Labor Union, with headquarters here, decided to issue a call inviting all existing Filipino agricultural workers unions in California to a convention early in December.

The idea behind the convention is to work out means of consolidating all the existing independent Filipino agricultural workers unions, as a step toward getting into the A.F.L.

In addition to the four branches in Santa Maria Valley, of the Filipino Labor Union, there are other Filipino unions in Imperial Valley, Santa Cruz, Los Angeles and Sacramento.

Those interested in the convention are advised to get in touch with secretary C. D. Mensalvas, Filipino Labor Temple Building, P.O. Box 622, Guadalupe, Cal.

## Hearst Hearings Are Opened

WASHINGTON.—Taking of testimony in order to determine the interstate character of the Hearst newspaper enterprises and the effect upon newspapers and their employees of unionization of editorial workers began here before the three members of the National Labor Relations Board.

First witness was Clyde Beals, editor of the American Newspaper Guild, official organ, the Guild Reporter. Edw. G. Woods, attorney for Hearst, attempted to show that the A.N.G. sought to establish control over the editorial policy of newspapers.

He objected principally to the code of ethics drawn up by the A.N.G. and to the freedom of the press resolution adopted by the last convention of the Guild. Beals contended that these items expressed the newspapermen's sense of responsibility towards the public in pledging themselves to write fair and accurate stories. The Hearst attorney contended that they were evidence of the Guild's intention to exercise con-

## BEHIND FRAMEUP



OLD JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, SR., is chief of all the Standard Oil Companies, and as such chiefly responsible for the frameup of the nine Modesto boys. The fight to free the boys is the fight of all organized labor.

## WILEY'S LABOR RECORD IS BAD

**Gave Dirty Deal In Shipyard Strike**

(Maritime News Service)

SAN FRANCISCO—Striking maritime unions looked askance today on the labor record of Admiral H. A. Wiley, chairman of the U. S. Maritime Commission, charged with enforcement of labor provisions of the Copeland Act.

As head of the board of arbitration that ended the strike of shipyard workers in Camden, N. J., he "froze" wages for the men for the next two and one-half to three years and did away with collective bargaining between workers and employers.

Men Gyped The men did not get a closed shop or union preference, despite the fact that 95 per cent of the workers were union members.

For this assignment Admiral Wiley put in a bill for \$10,000, half of which was paid by the union.

The wage level was "frozen" for at least TWO AND A HALF years under the arbitration board award by having the agreement extend until the time the present navy contracts are completed.

Strong criticism from union leaders throughout the East have come because of this award.

## Japanese Farm Labor Organizes

LOS ANGELES.—The Japanese growers are worried over the fact that Japanese agricultural workers are organizing themselves in this area, and cooperating with the Filipinos and other nationalities. They had one of their men speak over the radio to attack labor organization.

A Japanese grower from Chula Vista, San Diego County, stated over the radio that "a united front against organized labor" is necessary.

"To my regret," he said, "there are some trouble makers even among our Japanese people here."

## Get Together of Guild, Print Crafts

SAN FRANCISCO.—Development of closer cooperation between the various unions in the publishing industry is behind the first get-together of all these unions, to take place here December 2.

It will be a joint business and social meeting. The idea came from representatives of these unions: The Typos, Web Pressmen, Mailers, Photoengravers, Mailers, Stereotypers, and the Northern California Newspaper Guild.

Talks by representatives of these crafts will be given. There will be discussion, and then entertainment.

STEEL DRIVE IN CAL. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO.—The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers has chartered a new lodge in the Bethlehem Steel Mill here.

rol over the policy of the newspaper.

Sir Wilmot Lewis, correspondent for the London Times, testified regarding the relations between the National Union of Journalists in Great Britain and publishers. Unionization, he said, had not resulted in curtailing the "freedom of the press," but had raised wage levels and bettered working conditions.

## USES U. S. JOB TO BREAK EAST COAST STRIKE

**Every Move Made By Weaver Is For Shipowners**

(Maritime News Service)

NEW YORK—Exactly every fear the maritime unions have expressed in their fight against the Copeland Safety at Sea Act flowed in full bloom here as 14,000 striking seamen joined their West Coast brothers in a walkout that tied up more than 200 ships.

Members of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association, standing with the striking seamen have been warned by no less an authority than J. B. Weaver, director of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, they will "lose their licenses if they refuse to take out any of the ships on which they are employed."

Warning Given

James P. Traynor, business manager of the Marine Engineers, made the charge after numerous threats were made against his members.

"Weaver has given an order that any engineer who refuses to take out any ship on which he is employed will have their licenses revoked, Traynor said. "He is using the authority of the government to break the strike."

"Captain George Fried, assistant to Weaver, warned us over the 'phone that engineers must continue at work or they would lose their licenses. He refused to put it in writing, however."

Intimidated

Traynor declared "tremendous pressure was put on four engineers on the American Trader to stay on the ship," by representatives sent there by John J. Daly, shipping commissioner.

"They were warned they must take the boats out. Our members protested because the ship's personnel was incompetent. There were many Filipinos aboard and it was dangerous to operate the ship."

The Copeland law that required the carrying of "continuous discharge books" and "certificates of service or efficiency" bring this acute condition into bold relief with every strike threatened with the same black-listing treatment, union leaders charge.

## Bitter R.R. Strike In Third Month

SHREVEPORT, La.—The bitterly fought strike of the four transportation brotherhoods on the Louisiana and Arkansas is entering its third month with no indication that the road will climb down from its defiance of the federal government and its contract with the unions. The strike began Sept. 19 to enforce agreements.

Pres. C. P. Couch of the L. and A. has placed gunmen on all trains and a number of inexperienced train crews are handling what little traffic there is. There have been three deaths and a number of injuries during the strike, including two trainmen who lost their lives in a wreck and a gunman believed to have lost his life when a firearms frameup riddled the wrong party.

Reviewing the L. and A. anti-labor record Chairman James W. Carmalt of the U.S. national mediation board stated publicly: "You will note that the recommendations of these emergency boards appointed one by Pres. Hoover and two by Pres. Roosevelt have been flouted by the management and that Pres. Couch persistently refuses to follow the processes laid down in the railway labor act. Because of this attitude of the management our board can be of no service unless and until Pres. Couch is brought to agree to conduct his relations with his employees in accordance with the railway labor act, as do all other railroads in the United States."

Gov. Leche of Louisiana has asked the brotherhoods to confer with him and they have consented.

The strike has national significance because other rail management are believed to be backing the L. and A. in a test of strength to smash union agreements.